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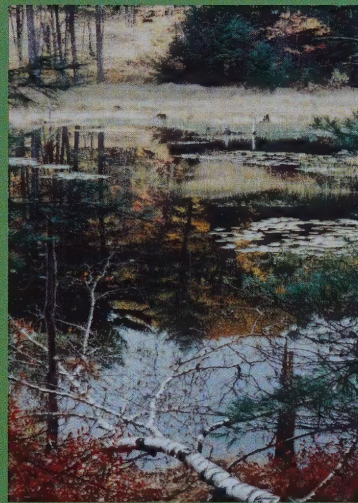


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# Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area

*The five cover photographs illustrate the varied natural beauty of the Town of Meredith's Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, located on Chemung Road in Meredith Center.*

Top: Lake Wicwas in autumn as seen from Crockett's Ledge on the yellow trail. The Gunstock/Belknap Mountain Range and Lake Winnisquam are also visible from this rocky viewpoint. Turkey vultures roost near the ledge and can often be seen riding the thermals in summer, sometimes as many as ten or more.

Bottom Left: 450 to 500 year old black gum tree, hemlock old growth area, red trail. The age of this tree, one of New Hampshire's oldest, was determined by counting the rings in a narrow core extracted with a borer. Meredith is the northernmost limit of the black gum, a southern species also known as tupelo. The Hamlin Area is fortunate to have three small groves of these ancient trees. They have been listed in the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Index.

Bottom Right, First Upper Picture: Autumn view of the beaver pond near the parking area, as seen from the short spur path off the yellow trail. Breathtaking loveliness awaits Hamlin visitors as soon as they step out of their cars. This pond also boasts a blue heron rookery and two rare aquatic plants, prickly hornwort and lesser bladderwort.

Bottom Right, Second Upper Picture: Hemlock varnish shelf, a common fungus that grows on dead coniferous trees. These fungi can survive over winter, and this photo was in fact taken in late winter in the old hemlock grove off the red trail.

Bottom Right, Lower Picture: Split rock in autumn, blue trail. The fissure in this glacial boulder testifies to the power of ice to fracture granite. Each winter, ice pressure will push the halves of the boulder slightly further apart.

*The Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area was purchased with a grant from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and a matching gift from Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hamlin.*

*The Meredith Conservation Commission stewards the property.*

*Photos and text courtesy of: Peter Miller*

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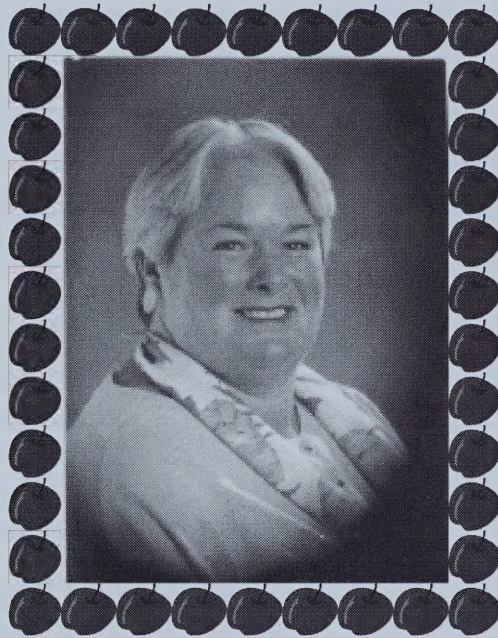
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# TOWN REPORT DEDICATION



*Dianne "Dee Dee" Cummings Horne  
Beloved educator at Inter-Lakes*

*Dee Dee*, 55, passed away at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia on July 31, 2006, following a period of failing health.

She was born April 19, 1950 in Plymouth, the daughter of Arnold and Norma (Smith) Cummings.

Dianne grew up in Ashland and graduated Ashland High School in 1968. She attended Plymouth State College, graduating with a degree in Education. *Dee Dee* worked for the Franklin Schools as a student teacher and substitute teacher for local schools. In 1974, she became an educator for the Inter-Lakes schools for over thirty years.

Mrs. Horne held many positions while she was at Inter-Lakes schools including student council advisor, newspaper advisor, head of the magazine drive, Christmas Fund, Hosted Exchange Students, Cheerleading Coach, Sunshine Fund, Softball Coach, Boosters Club, and a member of the Inter-Lakes Teachers Association, the NH Education Association and National Education Association.

She leaves her husband of twenty two years, Eric Horne and her one son, Derek, both of Meredith; her mother, Norma (Smith) Cummings, one sister, Nancy Page and one brother, Robin Cummings all of Ashland; two nephews, Christopher Cummings and Devin Page; one niece, Lindsay Page.

*Dee Dee* was an avid New York Yankees fan and enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Ashland beach. The students enjoyed her positive attitude in the classroom. Even though she was ill she would still crack jokes and make it a pleasant environment for her students. She will be truly missed by those who knew and loved her.



## IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



*Jane B. Ambrose*

*Jane B. (Langer) Ambrose*, 88, of Lang Street, passed away at Concord Hospital surrounded by her family on May 6, 2005, following a brief illness.

She was the daughter of George A. and Olive F. (Swasey) Langer and was born on September 3, 1916, in Haverhill, Mass. Jane graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1934. She received her Bachelor of Education degree at Keene Normal School and attained a second Bachelors degree at New York University in 1942, and her Masters in Education at Plymouth Teachers in 1959.

She moved to Meredith during World War II where she was a coach and teacher at the Meredith High School for several years.

In 1944, she married Paul T. Ambrose, her husband for 53 years. They raised three children and she continued her involvement in community activities and especially education. Mrs. Ambrose was one of several community members responsible for the information of the Meredith Little League. She was on the original building committee for the soon to be built Inter-Lakes High School, and served as chairperson for the first School Board.

In the late 1950's Jane became the Guidance Director at the Inter-Lakes High School, serving in that capacity for over twenty years until her retirement.

Jane had compassion for and cared about all children. She was an involved and devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. All of her children and there children were a source of pride and joy to her.



# IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM

*Frances A. Eames*, 87, passed away on Monday, November 14, 2005. Known for her love of the outdoors, she was an avid conservationist.

In 1960, she married her late husband N. Morey Eames who brought her to Meredith and her beloved home and property, which they called "Fernwood."

This property was dedicated on October 5, of this year into a conservation trust with the town of Meredith. The Frances A. Eames Recreation and Wildlife Area.

Fran was chairman of the Meredith Conservation Commission for seven years. She was a life member of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, the Society for the Protection of the NH Forests, the NH Timberland Owners Association, the American Tree Farm Association, and the Belknap County Farm Bureau.



*Frances A. Eames*

Several years ago she was honored by her son Preston with the Lions Club International's highest award, The Melvin Jones Fellow Award, for her contribution to the betterment of society. Preston described his mother at the award ceremony by saying; "Mom is a great: bag lady, comedian, Christmas arranger, cribbage player, fly fisherman extraordinaire, gardener, gourmet cook, golden retriever lover; mom, the naturalist, outdoorsman, photographer, sports enthusiast, storyteller, straight-talker, teacher, tree farmer, friend and more."

She was predeceased by her husband N. Morey Eames, and her parents, Vernal Elwood Austin and Nellie May Bagley Austin. She is survived by her son, Preston Eames of Meredith.

Her life has been a testimony to the principles of giving, devotion and the Yankee ethic of just plain hard work. Mrs. Eames, a great lady who was greatly appreciated and will be sincerely missed by all of those who knew her and loved her.



# IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



*Samuel Citron*

*Sam Citron*, long time resident of Meredith, died September 12, 2005.

He moved to Meredith upon his retirement from owning the Baskin Robbins located in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. Before that he owned A. Citron and Sons Wool Waste, along with his father Abraham and brother Ted.

Although officially retired, he never slowed down. He sold tickets for the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, and worked at Moulton Farm and Longridge Farm, selling produce and greeting customers. He was a member of the Meredith Historical Society, and served on the Town of Meredith Conservation Committee. He also volunteered five mornings a week at the Meredith Public Library.

In 2004, at age 86, he ran for the New Hampshire State Legislature as a Democrat, where he pressed the flesh at the Meredith Town Dump. He said, "it was the best place to meet people." "Everyone has to come to the dump, rich or poor."

He was a veteran of World War II, and fought in the Philippines and was on the first plane load of U.S. soldiers who landed in Japan.

He was a member of the Masons for 52 years, as well as, the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Ylvisaker, two daughters, Michelle Citron of Chicago, and Vicki Citron of Newton, Mass. A sister, Irma Bernten; a sister-in-law, Elaine Citron. He is also survived by the following nieces and nephews who viewed him like a father: Barbara Citron, Nancy Citron Moskewitz, and Joshua Citron, and Autumn Ylvisaker, April Ylvisaker, Kirsten Ylvisaker Holmes and Brinn Ylvisaker.



## IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM

*William Lance Sr.*, 77, passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, July 5, 2005, following a sudden illness. He passed peacefully while surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 10, 1928, in Meredith, the son of Walter H. and Abbie (Scribner) Lance. He graduated from Meredith High School in 1946 and from Plymouth Teachers College in 1958.

Bill spent his entire career in the education profession, including principal of Inter-Lakes Elementary School from 1968 to 1977. He also served as principal of the New Hampton Community School until his retirement in 1989.

Education played a major role in his life and he was proud that all four of his children chose to pursue careers in the field of education as well.

Following his retirement, he and his wife, Rita, spent ten years in Ruskin, Florida, where he was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed playing cards, reading, and visiting with his family.



*William "Bill" Lance Sr.*

In 1999, they returned to Meredith to be closer to family. He was an active member of the Meredith Community Center Committee, Lakes Region Retired Educators' Association, Plymouth State University Alumni Association and a member of Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post #33 in Meredith.

His parents, and two brothers, Walter and Donald, predeceased him. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rita (Mooney) Lance, a daughter Karen Mason, a son, William W. Lance Jr., a son, Fred Lance, and a daughter Pam Swift; and eight wonderful grandchildren.



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# TOWN OFFICIALS

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert C. Flanders, 2006, Chairman

Peter N. Miller, 2007, Vice Chairman

Frank S. Michel, 2008

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator, 2006

Town Clerk, 2008

Treasurer, 2008

Ralph Losee

Pauline L. Jones

Dennis A. Lamper

## TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Administrative Services Director

Town Planner

Code Enforcement Officer

Public Works Director

Assistant Public Works Director

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Assessor

Parks & Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Program Director

Librarian

Deputy Tax Collector

Deputy Town Clerk

Carol M. Granfield, ICMA-CM

Brenda L. Vittner

John C. Edgar, AICP

William M. Edney

Michael Faller

Allan Bolduc

Robert Hill

James Commerford

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Rick Desharnais

Lydia Torr

Valerie "Vikki" Fogg

Sheila M. Vachon

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Stephen H. Nedeau, 2006, Meredith

Carl Johnson Sr., 2006, Senator

## POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Charles G. Palm, Chief

Andre Kloetz, Assistant Chief

Tom Joslin, Assistant Chief

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Charles G. Palm

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven R. Bennett



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Paula Wanzer, Co-Chair, 2007

Tammy Carpentiere, Co-Chair, 2007

Jeanie Forrester, 2007

## **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

Richard Pendergast, 2008

Miller C. Lovett, Chairman, 2006

Suzanne C. Aucoin, 2007

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Deborah K. McNeish, Chairman, 2008

Lucienne M. Boulanger, 2010

Brenda L. Thibeault, 2006

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Laurie A. Brothers, 2008

Paul Eldridge, Chairman, 2006

Linda Matson, 2008

Jay Plyler, 2006

Kathleen S. Peverly, Vice Chairman, 2006

Duncan McNeish, 2006

Delphine Clough, 2007

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Louis Kahn, 2007

Herb Vadney, Chairman, 2007

Bill Bayard, 2006

William Finer, 2008

Pam Bliss, 2008

Roger Sorell, 2006

Robert Flanders, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates: Frank Michel, Selectmen 2008

John Granfield, 2007

Edward Touhey, 2007

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

John Mack, Chairman, 2008

Fred Hawkins, 2007

Jack Dever, 2006

Kenneth Haley, 2006

Michael Pelczar, 2007

Alternates: Janice Joslin, 2006 & Diane Hommel, 2007

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

John Sherman, Chairman, 2006

Robert LeCount, 2007

Ralph Pisapia, Vice Chairman & Treasurer, 2007

Peter Miller, 2008

Jacquie Colburn, 2006

Barbara Smyth, 2007

Alternates:

Ronald Kiesel, 2006

Paul Del Frari, 2006

Pauli Novicki, 2007

Donald MacFarlane, 2007

Stacey Herbold, 2006

Paula Wanzer, 2007

## **LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES**

Bill Bayard, 2006

Herb Vadney, 2006



# Report from the Board of Selectmen

Robert C. Flanders, Chairman

Peter N. Miller

Frank S. Michel

To Our Meredith Citizens

We have the pleasure of reporting to you that our Town continues to remain in excellent financial condition. We strive to promote positive management and planning of Town operations and expenses.

The 2005 Town Warrant included the ballot article of the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. The voters approved this expansion, which will take place in 2006. We embrace these additions that should provide further expertise and assistance. We look forward to working as a Select Board of five with some new perspectives.

The town-wide revaluation process has been conducted all year and will be completed in 2006. During the year, Vision Appraisal Technology personnel collected data and measured properties in the Town. Following sales analysis, values will be determined for each property and property owners will then be provided an opportunity to gain further explanation before final tax bills are sent in the late fall of 2006.

The Community Center had its groundbreaking in April 2005 with an opening scheduled in April of 2006. This center will be utilized by all generations for a variety of activities and recreational programs. It will additionally be the new location to hold all of our Board of Selectmen meetings as well as all of our other Board, Commission and Committee meetings.

Traffic continues to be a significant issue especially during the peak summer months. The two projects forthcoming during 2006 include work on the roundabout at Parade Road and Route 3, which will assist with the traffic flow, and the Route 3 and 25 improvements. The goal of the work of New Hampshire Department of Transportation is to collaborate with the Town and others to improve traffic flow, but also maintain the character of Meredith blending with our quaint New England Village.

We thank our very capable Town staff and many volunteers for the many successes throughout the year. The Town has met many challenges during 2005 and we look forward to continue serving the citizens of Meredith in the most effective way possible.

Board of Selectmen

Robert C. Flanders, Chairman

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Peter N. Miller

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Frank S. Michel

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Peter Miller, Frank Michel and Robert "Bob" Flanders



# Report from the Town Manager

Carol M. Granfield, ICMA-CM, Town Manager

Wynette DeGroot, Administrative Assistant

Greetings to the Citizens of Meredith:

The 2005 year has truly been an exciting and busy year for the Town of Meredith. I have made a continuing effort to have ongoing communication with the community in order to keep everyone informed. This has been accomplished through the cable show, "Experience the Magic of Meredith", weekly messages on our website from the Town Manager and bi-annual newsletters. I hope this assists you with developing a better understanding of what is happening in the community.

In addition to the oversight and involvement in daily town operations, I have been the project manager for the new Community Center and I'm pleased to report that this has been on time and well within the budget. The facility will be utilized by the entire community. During the year I have also begun the oversight of the Police Station project. Both have been significant projects with the anticipation of the Police Station moving forth into the building stage.

Another significant highlight and success was the America In Bloom program. Many thanks to an outstanding Committee and involvement of the entire community. In addition to the continued enhancement of Meredith's beautiful flowers and landscaping, the program tested our historical element, recycling, turf maintenance and much more. To be selected as the 2005 Champion the first year of competition is very rare. We now have a high benchmark to continue to meet. The Meredith Magic Adopt-a-Spot program blended well with America In Bloom and this program will expand during 2006. The Town's All America Display Garden, through the assistance of the Greater Meredith Program, was also an outstanding addition and will continue in 2006.

The participation of the Wittenberg University interns during the summer provided the Town with assistance on many projects. The citizen and business surveys that were developed provided the Town with some excellent input into both Town operations as well as the business needs of the community. I am pleased to report that the results were exceptionally high for our customer service, snow plowing, police, fire and library services.

The reorganization of our Assessing Department has provided an enhancement in operations. The selection of Jim Commerford as our new Assessor has greatly benefited the department as well as assisted with a smooth revaluation process.

Lastly, the Town held its first Volunteer Recognition Program that recognized the many residents who serve our Boards and Committees. The presentation of their fine work was very informative. We intend to have this as an annual event.

I want to thank all of our Town employees and members serving on Boards and Committees for their dedication and outstanding work during 2005. You are our most important asset and help make Meredith the great community we live in and take pride in. Thank you for another great year and continue to "Experience the Magic of Meredith."

Regards,

*Carol M. Granfield, Town Manager*



## 2005 Meredith Town Meeting Minutes

### State of New Hampshire

#### TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at Flagship Room at the Chase House, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 8, 2005, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles Three through Seventeen:

#### BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

##### ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years  
Frank Michel 497

One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for one (1) year  
Louann Breen 846  
Dennis A. Lamper 322

One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years  
Pauline L. Jones 535

One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years  
Richard Pendergast 33

Two (2) For Library Trustee (2) years  
Laurie Brothers 508  
Linda Mattson 10

##### ARTICLE 2

To bring your ballots for:

The consideration of the adoption of the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members pursuant to NH RSA 41:8-b: "Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five (5) members?"

YES 347 NO 206

##### DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Meredith Town Meeting 2005 opened with Moderator Ralph Losee leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Losee introduced the Selectmen, Bob Flanders, Peter Miller and Frank Michel. Town Manager Carol Granfield, Town Clerk Paula Jones, Finance Director Brenda Vittner and Town Council Tim Bates.



Moderator Losee then gave the results of the Town Elections: Selectman Frank Michel, Town Treasurer Dennis Lamper, Town Clerk Pauline Jones, Trustee of Trust Funds as a write in candidate Richard Pendergast, Library Trustee Laurie Brothers and write in candidate Linda Matson. Moderator Losee stated the candidates should contact the Town Clerk if they wish to accept the positions. The Inter-lakes School District Moderator is Robert J Rowan, School Board Member from Sandwich is Howard Cunningham and School Board Member-at-Large is Richard Hanson and this is only the tally from Meredith.

Article 2, which was the consideration of expanding the Board of Selectmen to five members, did pass, 347 to 206 votes. Moderator Losee checked with Tim Bates and next year if Mr. Flanders wishes to run again, he would run for a three-year term. There would be one opening for a three-year term and one for a one-year term. That would put the board of Selectmen on a cycle of two Selectmen for three years, two Selectmen for three years one Selectman for three years, which would be the regular voting cycle from then on.

### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining bond authorization for the following authorized long-term debt: Per Town Meeting Vote of March 13, 2002-Article #6, the Purpose of East Bluff Village Sewer Betterment. The Un-issued Amount \$14,618.83. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel that the Town Adopt Article 3 as proposed.

Discussion: Selectman Miller spoke to the Article stating that this Article is presented by the Town to revoke prior Bond Authorizations adopted at previous Town Meetings. The purpose of the respective bond was fulfilled, with the un-issued amount as indicated: accordingly, it is appropriate to rescind the un-used balance. The rescinding of the un-used balance reduces the amount of debt the town has toward total debt capacity. The Auditors prefer to have un-issued bonding amounts reviewed and rescinded when a project has been completed. Bryan Holland asked what is the remaining term and the rate of the bond. Finance Director Brenda Vittner responded: "It's a ten year bond and it's the balance of \$200,000.00 minus the \$114,000.00 that was not issued and we have 8 years left." Mr. Holland then asked if the bond is competitive with today's bonds and if the rates are very favorable, does it make sense to give back cheap money and borrow expensive money now. Brenda Vittner explained, "We can't use the \$14,000.00 for any other purpose than the East Bluff Village Sewer Betterment. We can't use it against any other debt and for that particular bond we got an interest of rate 3.87 % fixed for ten years."

No further discussion: Motion Passed in the majority.

### **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a Gift of Land known as Circle Drive Park, Tax Map/Lot # U11, 50B. The property is located adjacent to the Community Center Property and will be transferred to the Town "as is". (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) Motion by Bob Flanders and seconded by Peter Miller that the Town Adopt Article 4 as proposed.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Discussion: Selectman Flanders spoke to the Article stating that this Article is presented by the Town to authorize acceptance of a gift of vacant land in the Town of Meredith from the Circle Drive Association. The vacant tract of land consists of approximately one acre and is known as Circle Drive Park. This property abuts the Community Center Property on Greemore Avenue. The cost of the gift to the Town will be some minor legal expenses associated with preparing and recording the applicable deed. The property is assessed for \$100.00 as of April 1, 2004. 2004 Taxes were \$0.00. No further discussion. Motion Passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to remove any permanent or temporary islands or structures from the Middle of Main Street. This change would take effect on April 1, 2005.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Bob Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 5 as proposed.

Discussion: Frank Michel stated that this is a moot point as the Selectmen have already removed the fountain and it will not be replaced, per the Board of Selectmen. Rusty McLear stated that it seemed like a good idea and though the fountain didn't work the process did. Barbara Smyth then stated that it was a good idea and could we put it somewhere else? Moderator Losee said it may be a good project for someone, and she should bring it up.

No further discussion. Motion Passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel that the Town Adopt Article 6 as proposed.

Discussion: Peter Miller spoke to Article 6; The Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund was created by the Town in 2001 for the purpose of purchasing or maintaining conservation lands or easements. From 2001 to 2003, the Town allocated a total of \$100,000 to this ETF. The principal and interest in this ETF was, in effect, completely expended on the Town's recent purchases of the 195-acre Eames property and Longridge Farm Conservation and Preservation Easement. The principal and interest showing in this ETF at 12/31/2004 is a paper balance that will be totally wiped out when the final bookkeeping on the Eames property and Longridge Farm Easement purchases is completed. The gradual replenishing of this ETF will position the Town to act the next time as exceptional conservation opportunity occurs. Barbara Smyth proposed to double that amount to \$50,000 because we are developing so fast and we would have money to buy something when it becomes available. Selectman Bob Flanders stated that Article 7 will address that and the \$50,000 amount will be available to the Conservation for the year. Ted Capron asked if this fund accepts individual private donations and if so, are they tax deductible? Attorney Tim Bates stated, "The ETF established at Town Meeting cannot receive private



donations. The state has always been very leery of allowing public and private funds to be co-mingled; so private funds could not be put into this particular fund.”

Charles Stone asked if Article 6 would be in addition to Article 7? Selectman Flanders replied, “Article 6, the money would go into the Expendable Trust Fund, and Article 7, the money would go into the Conservation Commission Fund 5 but, they are both going to the Conservation.” Charlie Stone asked if Article 6 & 7 passed it would be \$75,000. Selectman Flanders stated that Peter Miller did a lot of research on this and Article 7 would raise an average of \$23,000 yearly. John Sherman of the Conservation Commission spoke; “We have two questions relative to the dollar amount and I believe the CIP originally recommended that this amount be \$50,000. When it went to the Town Fathers, that’s when they reduced it to \$25,000 but added Article #7, which, historically has averaged around \$23,000 so that would be close to the \$50,000.

Pam Bliss indicated that the revaluations are going on right now and last year we made a big investment on the Eames property and Longridge Farm and we are paying for that for the next ten years. She then asked “what are we paying on that bond per year and technically that’s going to the Conservation?” Brenda Vittner replied, “It’s \$62,000 per year.” Pam then stated, “Leave this at \$25,000 and not pass the next Bill as well.” Lucy Gustafson asked if the money is over and above \$10,000 where that has gone in the past? Selectman Michel answered, “Back into the General Fund and helps reduce the tax rate.” Lynn Montana asked for an explanation of “already appropriated within the operating budget.” Selectman Michel answered that is already in the \$10,000,000 budget. Article 17 is the budget that includes all the Warrant Articles and if some of the Articles aren’t passed that would reduce the amount of dollars in Article 17.

No further discussion. Motion passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to change the distribution of current use change tax penalties that currently allocate the first \$10,000 to the Conservation Commission Fund 5 to be the first \$50,000 to the Conservation Commission Fund 5. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miller that the Town Adopt Article 7 as proposed.

Discussion: Selectman Flanders spoke to the article “Since 1992, the Town has allocated the first \$10,000 of current use change tax payments collected annually to the Conservation Commission Fund 5. Whereas the cost of land has increased significantly in the thirteen years since then, the amount of the current use change tax allocated for conservation has not increased. The amount of current use change tax collected each year is a barometer of the pace of residential and commercial development. The logic behind allocating current use change tax for conservation is that the urgency to preserve open space is directly proportionate to the development pressure on the land. Using the current use change tax collected by the Town since 1990 as a guide, it is estimated that this warrant article, if approved by the voters, will allocate \$23,000 per year to the Conservation Commission Fund 5, a net increase of \$13,000. This increase, in combination with allocations to the Open Space/ Conservation ETF, will more realistically position the Town too compete for outside conservation grants and to be a player in the conservation land market.

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Last year the Town secured easements and land for conservation in the amount of about 1.2 million dollars and the cost to the Town was less than \$600,000. The difference was the grants we were able to get for those purchases. In order to have a chance at these grants, when you write the application, you have to state that you have matching funds in hand. Because of what's been done in the past we did have those matching funds and that allowed us to be successful in the grant process."

Pat Mack spoke " When a parcel is in current use they pay reduced taxes, so the remaining tax payers have to pick up the difference to take care of the Towns bills. I strongly believe that this money should go back to the taxpayers to help reduce taxes. This estimate is \$23,000 a year but conceivably it could be the \$50,000 so I would like to speak against this article." Mark Flanders also spoke at length in opposition of the article stating that it should come to Town Meeting for a vote. Selectman Flanders replied that "Any land purchase would have to come before Town Meeting and we would not have been able to accomplish what we did last year if we didn't have some money available and once a piece of property is on the market and gets bought and developed, it's too late, you can never go back." Bob Baldizar asked what percent of land is in conservation and how does that relate to other towns in the state? John Sherman, Conservation Commission, answered that the land the Conservation Commission owns is approximately 800 acres, the total acres and land is 24,000. If you add up all the lands in the Town, some of it is under easements from the New England Forestry Foundation, some from Spinif and some from various other organizations. Approximately about 10%. A lot of that land cannot be used because it is wetlands and steep slopes. Mark Flanders asked if there is another sum that is also allocated in the budget for the Conservation Fund 5 and what is that amount? Selectman Michel answered "This year it is approximately 8 to 10 thousand dollars, it's generally around 17 to 20 but not all of it was expended last year so we encumbered a portion of it so we wouldn't have to fund the full operating budget. So you get an operating budget of less than 20,000 a year, an ETF of 25,000, which goes into a separate fund and then this \$10,000 currently goes into the Fund 5."

John Hodsdon, Gerald Brooks, Merritt Webb, Bob LeCount and John Sherman spoke at length in favor of the article. Mark Flanders and Karen Sticht spoke at length against the article. Debbie Flanders moved the question.

Moderator Losee asked for a vote. Article passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to close the Public Safety Building Expendable Trust with a balance at 12/31/2004 of \$253,159.64 into the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0) Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 8 as proposed. Selectman Michel stated, "Two years ago, Town Meeting recommended establishing an expendable trust to purchase land for a public safety building. The Board of Selectmen established a Space Needs committee with a charge of evaluating all town departments and buildings. Based upon the recommendations from the Space Needs Committee, the Fire Department and the Police Department, the Board of Selectmen concurred with the recommendations that the Police and Fire facilities should be separate."

Discussion: Bryan Holland asked if Articles 8,9,10 and 11 could be discussed all together but voted on separately? Moderator Losee said, "Yes." Selectman Michel stated that this was house keeping in order



to initiate separate ETF's for the Police Department and the Fire Department. We first have to close down the one for the Public Safety Building ETF and those funds would go back into the General Fund. Article 9 in effect takes ½ of that fund and allocates it to a new ETF for the Police Department the \$126,579.82 is ½. Article 11 takes the other ½ of the Public Safety Building ETF and set up a Fire Department ETF. Article 10 adds \$100,000 to the Police Department ETF. The wisdom of the CIP and the Board of Selectmen in adopting this is based on priorities set forth by the Space Needs Committee. The most critical building that needs to be looked at, at this time, is the Police Department. Based on the priorities set forth, these four Articles net result, would be to discontinue the Public Safety ETF and start 2 equal ETF's, one for the Fire Dept. and one for the Police Dept."

Bryan Holland stated that at last year's meeting he raised the question about the Towns priorities as far as the Fire and Police Departments were concerned and was told basically that we would not be funding that for the next couple of years that those needs did not need to be addressed." Selectman Flanders responded, "We did not say that. Two years ago we established the Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$250,000 for the Public Safety Building. We knew we had needs in both areas and at that time had not done a space needs study. Last year we did a comprehensive review of all Town Facilities to see which ones had the biggest needs. Because of that study it has been determined that the Police Department and the Fire Department will be kept separate and the most critical need is the Police Department." There was further discussion from John Bird, Bryan Holland and Mark Flanders. Barbara Smyth and Mike Plunkett both spoke in favor of the article. Selectman Michel explained the looking into areas for the new Police Station, utilizing Town property for suitability.

No further discussion. Moderator Losee asked for the vote. Article 8 Passed in the majority.

### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Police Department Land/Building Fund for the purpose of purchasing land and/ or renovation of buildings and / or building of new facilities and to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Eighty Two cents (\$126,579.82) toward this purpose from the General Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town Adopt Article 9 as proposed.

Selectman Miller spoke to the article: "Based upon the passage of Article 8: this will split the proceeds of the Public Safety Building Trust in half and establish a separate Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust with those proceeds."

No further discussion. Article 9, Passed in the Majority.

### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

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Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miller that the Town Adopt Article 10 as proposed.

Selectman Flanders spoke to the article: “ Based upon the Space Needs Committee Report, the Police Department has the highest priority of building needs. The Board of Selectmen feels additional funding is warranted.”

Discussion: Bob Konchak asked “What is the plan, within the next couple of years?” Selectman Michel explained again that we are looking into Town owned property and a lot of things have to come into consideration, such as acreage, wetlands, proximity to the Town, design and just keep moving forward. Chris Mega then asked about the funding and where the Fire Department stands. Have they considered a 60/40, 70/30 split rather than the 50/50? Selectman Flanders indicated that the Fire Department is second on the list as they are getting a new truck in 2006 and the present Fire Station will not be able to accommodate it.

No further discussion. Article 10 Passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fire Department Land/Building Fund for the purpose of purchasing land, renovation of buildings and/or building of new facilities and to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Eighty Two cents (\$126,579.82) toward this purpose from the General Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Bob Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 11 as proposed.

Selectman Michel explained that based upon the passage of Article 8: this will split the proceeds of the Public Safety Building Trust in half and establish a separate Fire Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund with those proceeds.

No discussion. Article 11 Passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Water Treatment Disinfection Change Fund for the purpose of complying with EPA and State Water Requirements for the Town’s Water Supply and to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel that the Town Adopt Article 12 as proposed.

Selectman Miller explained that this article is to establish an expendable trust to begin planning for compliance with EPA regulations to convert our water filtration system. Compliance with the new EPA regulations is mandated to occur sometime between 2010-2012.



Discussion: Karen Sticht asked if this means the Town water will taste better? Selectman Michel responded “probably”. Steve Merrill asked “What is the total estimated cost for this upgrade and why is the General Fund being asked to pay this instead of the water takers themselves? We already have the Cygnet Shores allocated to the General Fund and being paid by the taxpayers and subsidizing the water takers.”

Selectman Michel indicated a guess would be somewhere in the range of \$600,000 and again this is based on Federal regulations. At first this was a priority until the Town hired engineers to do an analysis of the Town’s whole water system. This was put on the CIP and originally allocated \$100,000 because we thought it had a shorter date and it was going to be somewhere between 4 and 6 hundred thousand. An ETF is a savings account for future Capital outlays and based on the report of the engineers they say that the EPA regulations will not occur until somewhere around 2010 to 2012. It should come from the General Fund because it’s a savings account. There is approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 in the Water Fund and that is used to offset certain expenses. The Water Department generates its own revenue. Basically we are even funded and receipts cover expenses.” Phyllis Eddy asked if the people that use the water and sewer get bills and Selectman Michel responded “yes.”

No further discussion. Article 12 passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Bob Flanders and seconded by Peter Miller that the Town Adopt Article 13 as proposed. Selectman Flanders spoke to the article: “This article is presented by the Town to the voters for consideration to continue funding an expendable trust fund known as the Employee Benefits Fund. This expendable trust fund was established in 1996 for the purpose of setting aside funds for the un-funded liability for accumulated vacation and sick leave benefits for the full-time employees of the Town of Meredith. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen recommend annual additions. The un-funded liability as of 12/31/04 is \$318,323. The principal and interest available at 12/31/04 is \$143,326. The balance needed to fully fund the liability is \$174,997.” Chris Mega asked what the Town’s policy is in accruing sick and leave days.

Administrative Services Director Brenda Vittner explained that an employee could carry a total of 480 hours of sick days and 240 hours of vacation days. A number of years ago it was higher and it went from 90 to 60 for sick days and 60 to 30 for leave days. A number of employees are currently at the top of the hours that they can accrue, those being our long time employees. So if they were to retire today we have the liability of paying them their annual leave and a third of their sick leave. Chris Mega stated that’s 12 weeks of pay and in the private sector if you don’t use it you lose it and considering next weeks school meeting it is brought up all the time. Maybe this should be looked at for cost savings.

No further discussion. Article 13 Passed in the Majority.

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## ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Cygnet Shores Pump Station Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Bob Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 14 as proposed. Selectman Michel spoke to the article: "This Article is presented by the Town to the Voters for consideration to continue funding an expendable trust fund known as the Cygnet Shores Pump Station Fund. This expendable trust fund was established in 2002 for the purpose of setting aside funds to renovate and replace the sewer pump station located at Cygnet Shores on Pleasant Street. Annual additions are recommended with concurrence from the Department, Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. The Cygnet Shores Pump Station was originally constructed in 1970 and services Cygnet Shores and Wagon Wheel Trail. The Town of Meredith proposes this as the last deposit to the expendable trust and plans on beginning engineering and rebuilding the pump station in 2005-2006. The principal and interest available at 12/31/04 is \$152,078."

No further discussion. Article 14 passed in the majority.

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Miller and seconded by Selectman Michel that the Town Adopt Article 15 as proposed.

Discussion: Selectman Miller addressed the Article " This Article is presented by the Town to the Voters for consideration to continue funding an expendable trust fund known as the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund. This expendable trust fund was established in 1998 for the purpose of setting aside funds to replace fire/rescue equipment. Annual additions are recommended with concurrence from the Department, Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. The next major replacement vehicle is scheduled to occur in 2006/2007 and will be an aerial truck with a projected price of \$750,000. The principal and interest available at 12/31/04 is \$519,368."

No further discussion. Article 15 passed in the majority.

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.



Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Miller that the Town Adopt Article 16 as proposed.

Discussion: The Article was addressed by Selectman Flanders:” This Article is presented by the Town to the Voters as an annual request for the purpose of State Aid Reconstruction of certain roads in the Town. This is a two for one match, with the Town raising \$20,000 and the State contributing \$40,000. The roads covered by this program are Class I, Class II and Class III State roads located within the Town of Meredith. These roads include Meredith Neck Road, Barnard Ridge Road, Pease Road and Winona Road. These Funds can also be used on other joint State/Town projects on the State Highways. The Town’s Account Balance at 12/3/104 is \$257,154.20. The State’s matching portion at 12/31/04 is \$514,308.40.” Selectman Michel further spoke to the article stating that the Town’s account balance is real and the state’s balance is on paper. Someday the state will fund a road. Selectman Flanders continued speaking stating that a lot of this money will be consumed for the Parade Road and Route 3 project and the Route 25 and Route 3 intersection. We are collecting this money for a purpose. No further discussion. Article 16 Passed in the majority.

### ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$10,675,993.) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year’s budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Motion by Selectman Michel and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town Adopt Article 17 as proposed.

Discussion: Selectman Michel stated, “We have handed out several informational sheets and I would direct you to the sheet Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation. Basically we have a budget of \$10,675,000. that amount is offset by revenues so the amount to be raised by taxes is \$6,768,456. The next line over indicates the dollar increase. It is not \$472,995 it is \$320,530. If you do the simple subtraction it’s wrong, the formula was messed up. The % increase of actual cash that has to be raised after the offset of revenue is 4.74%. This calculates the add-ins, the new credits to the Veterans so this is the actual dollar amount that has to be raised by taxes, about a 5% increase.”

Mark Flanders asked “Does that change the Municipal Tax Rate number that follows that percentage increase?” Brenda Vittner responded “It’s the difference between the 2004 net appropriation and 2005 estimate so the estimated tax rate is correct.” Karen Sticht thanked everyone for the tribute to Indian Island on the cover of the Town Report. Karen stated “When I went to the School District Budget Hearing they have made some very concentrated efforts to make some cuts in the programming and the staffing at the school. One of the things mentioned, as a cut, was the school Resource Officer. It started out as a Grant and then became an expensive person and they said that this year they were cutting it and then very quietly I heard them say, that was okay because the Town of Meredith was picking up the cost. Could someone shed some light on that and tell us how much money that would be or if that was even an accurate statement.” Town Manager Carol Granfield responded “The cost estimate is for one police officer position

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and previously the schools funded that. What they are doing now is utilizing a position for a School Resource Officer for a portion of the time based on the need to address the students and then the officer will be used as a regular police officer.”

Chief Morrow stated “It’s always been a dual role for the SRO. We used it as a resource for the school to help the kids, in the summer busy times and on the weekends when we needed that person. It’s always been a full time Police Officer and we need that position.” Karen Sticht again asked if the town is now paying entirely for that position and how much money is it exactly? Brenda Vittner responded “When it was funded by the Grant portion the position has always been under the Police Department and we would get the offset in revenue from the School Department, that is what the school would budget. Last year the school gave us \$44,000 towards that position.

Steve Merrill pointed out that the budget proposed, if you go back over the past 4 years, represents about a 36% increase which annually runs about 8% which is significant given the increases we have seen in the School Budget and I find it interesting that those who have prepared this budget have been quite critical of the School Budget. I’m voting no on this because I am going to hold the Board to the same standards we ask of the School Board.” Mark Flanders encouraged all to attend the School Board Meeting next week.

Selectman Michel spoke “ In a sense of unity it is us and us. I think the School Board has done a tremendous job moving forward with what we advocated over the past two years which did get a little strident at times. Dr. McCormack is doing an excellent job and what they propose is a beginning. We should not foster animosity or be critical of each other until we stand in their shoes.” Jack Carty, Meredith School Board Member Representative spoke “Many of the comments made tonight about the relationship between the Town and the School are probably more true than not. There have been changes and with regards to the School Resource Officer, I didn’t like the idea in the first place but it was free, it was \$50,000 of someone else’s money. Two years down the line the bill came due and the school absorbed it.

This year there has been a working relationship between the Town and the School to provide a service. Two of the schools are physically located in the Meredith so that is the Police Department that would respond if there was a problem at the school. There are roughly 900 to 1,000 kids on Center Harbor Hill, in Meredith, during the day. That was part of the reason why the cost for a School Resource Officer was worked out that it is a Town fund option rather than exclusively a School funded option. The School Board has had open working budget session and open public hearing and I hope you all turn out next Wednesday for the School Board Meeting.” Selectman Flanders then stated “Meredith pays approximately 70% of the Inter-lakes School budget, so this change isn’t the full cost of the SRO. This change is the 30% difference. That Officer is going to spend more time working in Meredith than he did before with the SRO program. The cost to Meredith is going to be next to nothing. The only difference is instead of sending a check to Inter-lakes School District, the Police Department will have it in their budget.” Lynn Montana then asked if we are getting anything more for this increase in the return contribution or is it just a bookkeeping item? Carol Granfield responded, “ No, the State has increased the rates so it is clearly the same program.” Lynn Montana continued asking about the employees benefits where the health care has gone up 15.6% but then below that we are saying that the employees are going to go up to 10% does that mean the Town’s actually health care is costing the Town 5.6%? Carol Granfield responded “The 10%, currently employees pay a 5% cost share and this is going up to a 10% cost share to offset some of the increase and the 15 plus % is the rate we were given.



We are working with the schools right now to have a joint program whereby we all will reduce rates and if that goes forth it would be effective this July.” Lynn asked, “Is that a general increase of the cost and have we looked into other providers?” Carol responded “The cost is increasing all over and if we are able to join forces with the schools, we would receive a slight decrease as well as the schools and everyone. We are hoping that goes forth and then we wouldn’t see the 15% increase it would be less than that. We have looked for another provider and the problem with that is they don’t provide the doctors in this area.” Lynn Montana then asked “What is the total cost of transportation for Solid Waste. We are increasing it \$40,000, what were we paying prior to that?” Brenda Vittner replied “We were paying \$220,000 and it’s going up to \$260,000 this year.” Lynn Montana asked “Do we make any money on this recycling or is that a total loss?” Mike Faller Public Work Director responded “Those disposal costs are basically for the trash itself, the non-recyclables. That has gone up due to the residents that come into Town.

We are at approximately 6,500 residents full time and we swell to a larger number in the summer time. We are dealing with about 27 hundred tons in 2004 at \$91.00 a ton now and it’s going up. So that increase we have to budget for. We had a shortfall this year so we are trying to make that up. We currently did about 190 thousand dollars in recyclables at the facility. We are one of the few in the State that does that amount of recycling and hats off to the residents who partake in this program.” Lynn Montana asked “Could we increase our recycling revenues by requiring commercial business in Town to recycle such as Restaurants and Hotels? They don’t recycle at this point and that’s a large volume coming into the non-recyclable cost of transportation.”

Mike Faller explained “They are not partaking of the facility at all. Several years ago when this facility was started the Towns people and the Select Board took a vote to have 100% mandatory recycling and if you don’t recycle you don’t use the facility. Basically the business, if they opt to, pay Waste Management to come in and pick up their dumpster they are paying twice, it’s being picked up and taken off sight.”

Mark Flanders stated “Correct me if I’m wrong, but that is offset by the fees that are charged for the disposal of that solid waste which have just about doubled as of the first of this month so that should offset that, is that correct? It went up from \$85 to \$160 dollars a ton.” Mike Faller responded “For clarification that increase in fees, which hasn’t been increased since the facility was started in 1987, has yet to take effect. It will take effect 4-01 and it will offset the recycling and help that number as well.” No further discussion. Article 17 Passed in the Majority.

Moderator Losee commented that we had 347 people who voted yesterday for a 5 Board Selectman and he would personally love to see 347 people run for Selectmen next year!

Meredith Town Meeting 2005 closed at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pauline L. Jones*

Pauline L. Jones, Town Clerk

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## Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, Director

Administrative Services encompasses many functions:

1. Finance – Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, General Ledger
2. Purchasing – Purchasing of goods and services through State bids or preparation of bids to help the Town obtain the best quality for the lowest price.
3. Utility Billing – Billing for Water and Sewer utilities
4. Town Report Preparation
5. General Assistance
6. Information Technology – support of the Town's computer systems
7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – mapping of Town property

### Finance Department

Carrie Compton, Town Accountant

Linda J. LaBraney, Finance Officer/General Assistance Officer

Gail Brace, Finance/Municipal Office Clerk

Finance has settled into its space on the second floor of Town Hall. The space has been well utilized. 2005 was a very busy year for the Finance staff; the GASB 34 inventory of fixed assets was completed, a change to the daily investment of bank funds maximizes interest for the Town, the refinancing of \$2,960,000 in old debt saved the Town approximately \$400,000 in interest over the term of the notes, and implemented outsourcing of the utility billing process to make it more efficient. The Town of Meredith currently has no debt issue with and interest rate over 4.00%. The Finance group is a resource for all of the other departments within the Town. Carrie Compton is responsible for the processing of Payroll, Accounts Payable and the General Ledger. Linda LaBraney handles the utility billing process, Accounts Receivables, Purchasing and the preparation of the Annual Town Report. Wondering who the very friendly voice is when calling Town Hall, Gail Brace is the person who handles the very busy call center for the Town. Gail is also a great assistance to all of the functions covered by Administrative Services. The Finance staff is also a resource for other Boards and Commissions providing information, attendance at meetings, writing minutes and preparing reports when needed. This is truly a department that functions at a high level with a small dedicated staff.

### General Assistance

Brenda L. Vittner, General Assistance Director

Linda J. LaBraney, General Assistance Officer

In 2005 the Town assisted over seventy clients living in the Town of Meredith. The Town offers direct relief in the form of vouchers paid directly to vendors for such needs as food, rent, heat, utilities, and prescriptions. New Hampshire law (RSA 165) requires each town to assist people who live within their jurisdiction, who have no other means of support, who require temporary assistance, or whose bare minimum expenses exceeds their customary income.

If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, please contact our office at 279-4538 x206. We are located in the original Town Hall Building on the upper level at 41 Main Street.



## Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor  
Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager  
Kevin Wheeler, Field Data Collector

There have been many changes in the Assessing Office in 2005. Kevin Wheeler came on board in April as Field Data Collector and Jim Commerford was hired as Tax Assessor in August. Through it all, Menta Martel kept the office running smoothly and efficiently.

The Town-wide Revaluation is in full gear. Personnel from Vision Appraisal have been out collecting physical data on properties over the past year. This initial phase will be completed by early February. The Market Analysis, Valuation, and Field Review phase of the project will be completed over the next several months culminating with value notices and informal review hearings to be held this upcoming summer. The new values will be effective as of April 1, 2006 and the results of the revaluation will be reflected in tax bills to be sent out in November of 2006 and due in December of 2006.

The Assessing taxpayer terminal located in the lobby of Town Hall has proven to be a very valuable resource to the public in accessing information from the assessment database. The Assessing web site has been updated with information regarding appeals, exemptions and credits, as well as a history of the tax rate since 2000.

### The Appeal Process

There is an appeal process available to any property owner who believes the assessment of their property is in error. The error can be either:

- 1) The physical data is incorrect
- 2) The market value, supported by comparable sales
- 3) The assessment exceeds the general level of assessment shown by comparing the property's assessment with assessments on other properties in town.

The first level of appeal is to the local board of selectmen. The request for abatement must be made in writing by March 1<sup>st</sup> following notice of tax. Abatement applications are available at the town hall.

If local board neglect, or refuse to satisfactorily abate the tax, the second level of appeal is either to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals in Concord or to the Belknap County Superior Court. Appeal must be filed on or before September 1; however, you should verify this date with BTLA and Belknap County Superior Court.

We pledge to continue to provide a high level of service to the taxpayers of Meredith. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

# Fire Department

Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

As Chief of the Meredith Fire Department, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to our fellow Town residents our sincere gratitude for the support that you have shown the Department over the past many years. This support has been demonstrated time and again, not just through the financial support at Town meeting but also with the attitude that is expressed so often throughout the year. It is remarkable how often individuals, even in times of personal tragedy, will stop and say “Thank you for being there to assist us”. Yes, there is always that small contingent whom express their views, that may not shared by the majority; however, in the end, when the facts are presented and understood, the proper decisions are made and onward we move. Again, thank you for your continual support. It makes our job much more rewarding.

As many of you are aware, the Department has been advocating the need to acquire a new aerial truck, which will greatly enhance the safety of our members and improve our response capabilities. In addition, considerable work has been done by a number of our members in developing our building needs for our Downtown Station. We find this necessary as the demands being placed upon our Department are greatly expanding as Meredith continues to both grow and change. The report of the Space Needs Committee clearly showed that the Downtown Station is in need of a significant renovation in order to house the components necessary to provide the services being required of the Department. Their report also recommended moving forward on the Fire Station after addressing a more critical need, that being the Police Station. Our membership, who are all taxpayers too, agree that this is the right thing for the Town, even if it means delaying the acquisition of the much needed aerial truck for a period of time. Granted, this truck could be housed at our Center station until the Downtown renovations are completed; however, since the greatest demand for this truck is in the downtown area, the true benefits of having our own aerial would be compromised due to the time and distance involved, so it was decided to hold off and continue to rely on mutual aid.

Like last year, we once again ended the year at an all time high with 389 calls for assistance, which represented a 9% increase over the preceding year. Even with this year’s call volume being the highest number of calls in the history of the Department, we have been very fortunate to have members available and willing to make a high percentage of these calls. This past year we averaged 11.4 firefighters per call, which translates to a total of 4,437 firefighter responses. Each call required an average of 51 minutes, or a total of approximately 3,800 hours of time that our members devoted to assisting our community. These 3,800 hours do not include the time necessary for non-emergency department activities such as training, meetings, equipment maintenance, etc. A recap of our call volume follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	6.7%	6.7%	8.6%	10.7%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	14.4	13.2	19.2	14.1
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	28.0	28.3	26.8	30.1
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	<u>50.9</u>	<u>51.8</u>	<u>45.4</u>	<u>45.1</u>
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Total number of calls</b>	<b><u>389</u></b>	<b><u>357</u></b>	<b><u>291</u></b>	<b><u>299</u></b>



## Fire Department continued

**“Fire Related”** activity includes responses for all types of fires. With a couple of exceptions, all of these were relatively minor in terms of property loss and in all cases no one was injured, which is the most important thing. As a part of our standard procedures, we always attempt to determine the cause of a fire and in nearly every case, it was concluded that the cause was due to human error such as leaving a cigarette lighter available for a child to play with, inappropriate use of combustible liquids, leaving a candle unattended, failure to properly maintain a chimney, etc. Please, take a few minutes and do a quick home inspection, checking for home safety issues, such as properly working smoke detectors, readily accessible fire extinguishers, use of extension cords, properly maintained chimneys and wood burning stoves, etc. These types of issues contribute to making your home fire safe. We at the Fire Department are always glad to assist if you should have questions or would like a brochure on one or more of these safety features.

**“Mutual Aid”** calls are those where a neighboring community has an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requests the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

**“Rescue Calls”** include a variety of situations; however, the greatest contributor to this category is for motor vehicle accidents, which represented nearly 80% of our rescue calls. Although the investigation of the cause of a motor vehicle accident is a police function, our observations indicate that most of the accidents are due to driver error and not vehicle malfunctions. It can be safely stated that most of these accidents can be avoided with an increased attention to the driving function such as not using a cell phone, not eating while driving, not looking for the CD that fell on the floor, etc. In addition, many drivers need to be aware of both their personal driving capabilities and the limits of their vehicles, for example a four-wheel drive vehicle may be able to go about anywhere; however, stopping is not a function of four-wheel drive!

The last category, **“Public Assist”** includes a large variety of call types, such as chemical spills, power lines being down, alarm activations (smoke and carbon monoxide detectors), good intent calls (typically these are calls where someone thought that there was a problem, which ended up not being a problem – for example a report of a vehicle fire that turned out to be steam from an overheated engine, etc.) This past year we responded to 198 of these types of call, of which 93 were related to alarm activations. Generally, alarm activations are referred to as “False Alarms”, and are most often the result of a lack of maintenance, such as not changing batteries regularly or not having detectors serviced periodically. In most instances once an owner is made aware of the problem, it is corrected and repeat false alarms are eliminated. For those of you who have an alarm system that is monitored by an alarm company, please contact the Fire Department and discuss the advantages of installing a Knox box at the premises. This is a secure way to store a key to the premises, which facilitates our Department in gaining access should no one be available to give us entry. Now that we have discussed false alarms, a question to ask yourself is: “How many alarm activations may not occur when needed?” For this reason, we ask that you test your systems to help reduce the possibility of a detector not working when it should. Most detector manufacturers suggest that a smoke or carbon monoxide detector be replaced with a new unit every ten years.

Please join the Department in thanking all who assist in making the Meredith Fire Department the great team that it is. This team includes our auxiliary, the explorer post, **and** the families and employers, who so generously allow our members to continue in their efforts to serve the citizens and visitors to Meredith.

# Forest Fire Warden

Charles G. Palm, Warden

Fortunately for the fire service this was a rainy summer; however, for those of us who enjoy the outdoors, it was not one that we appreciate. As a result of the wetness, there were very few calls for fire control. Nonetheless, the number of responses by our department continued at a high level due to receiving complaints relative to outdoor burning. Nearly all of these proved to be without merit; however, they each needed to have a response by someone from our Department.

To help avoid having the fire department show up, please follow a few simple guidelines:

- **Obtain a permit** - Permits are required to be obtained by the **landowner** whenever a fire is kindled out-of-doors. There is no charge for the permit, which can be obtained at the Downtown Fire Station, Y-Landing Marina or the Meredith Center Store. Also be prepared to show a photo ID, such as a driver's license. The **ONLY** time that a permit is **NOT** required is when there is adequate snow cover. Please check our Smokey the Bear signs, if the burning conditions are displayed, such as "LOW, MODERATE, etc.", a permit is necessary. Permits are good for up to three days, starting with the day of issue. Seasonal permits for certain types of fires are also available. Violators of the permit requirement are subject to fines by the State in the amount of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. It should be kept in mind, even with a valid permit, that under State law, any damage caused as a result of a kindled fire becomes the obligation of the party responsible for kindling the fire, including the **cost of suppression**.
- **Be obviously present while burning** - Not only is this a requirement, it also reduces many of the complaints that we receive that "There is a fire and no one is present".
- **Complete extinguishment** - When you are done with your burning, make sure that the fire is completely extinguished. Extinguishment does not mean throwing a little sand on the fire, it means soaking it down thoroughly.



Training at the Lumber Town Building to prepare for the new Community Center Building

In closing, on behalf of myself, and our local deputy wardens, we all appreciate everyone's awareness and express our sincere thanks in helping us do our job.

Remember Smokey the Bear's slogan – *"Only you can prevent forest fires"*.



# Meredith Conservation Commission

John Sherman-Chairman, Ralph Pisapia-Vice Chairman & Treasurer, Bob LeCount-Secretary

Members: Jacquie Colburn, Peter Miller, Barbara Smyth, Don MacFarlane

Alternates: Paul Del Frari, Ron Kiesel, Paula Wanzer, Pauli Novicki

Stewards: Ann Keller, Terry Lance

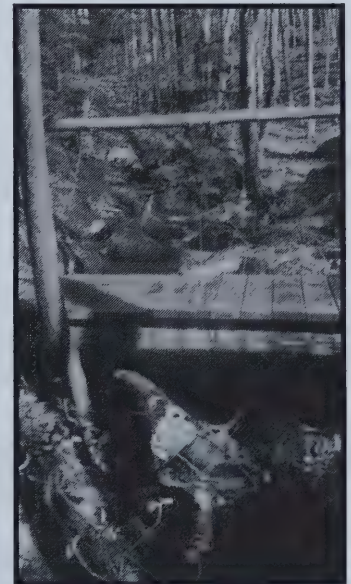
Where would Meredith be economically without its natural resources—its frontage on 5 lakes and 5 major ponds—its views of these lakes and surrounding mountains—our farm lands and forests? This year marks the completion of Meredith's Natural Resources Inventory, which was three years in the making. The document includes colored and coded maps so one can easily visualize significant natural resource areas in town. The NRI project was a collaborative effort between the Planning Department and Conservation Commission. A working group consisting of John Edgar, Town Planner, Jacquie Colburn, Conservation Commission, Robin McCann, Meredith IT/GIS Coordinator and Rick Van de Poll, PhD of Ecosystem Management Consultants administered the project.

Our Secretary Bob LeCount has had his Dredge and Fill Committee review 90-100 water-related permits, docks, perched beaches, buildings and driveways which might infringe on wetlands... a myriad of things, on sites, each personally visited by the committee members. These reports are sent to the appropriate regulatory body such as DES or the ZBA.

Treasurer Ralph Pisapia leads in monitoring water quality; Don MacFarlane and Paul Del Frari walked, monitored and marked, along with the Open Space Committee town-owned forests and easements. The process of connecting abutting town forests with a network of "loop" trails for residents and visitors to enjoy year round is being done by Peter Miller. Others are helping cut, clear and etc... including Paula Wanzer. Bobby Smyth and Ron Kiesel got signage designed, made and installed with help from the Public Works Department on six of the towns lands and we are planning to do more next year so the public will know where these lands are. The filing, thank goodness is done on an ongoing basis in our office in the annex by Pauli Novicki. Thanks to our stewards Ann Keller and Terry Lance in helping in monitoring of lands and trail work.

Our most important task is one that is tedious and sometimes yields great success... quietly talking to various owners of land about choices they have in keeping lands in its natural state. If the town is unable to help we do refer the property owners to other conservation entities... twice this past year we did this successfully. We have many projects we can use help on - contact any member or the Conservation Commission office at the annex. We welcome assistance which can be a learning process for all.

Thanks to all the town officials for the help given us this year. We are constantly surprised by the farsightedness of the residents of Meredith as many of our endeavors are for our children and future generations to enjoy and may take years to bring to fruition.



**Footbridge  
Hamlin Recreation and  
Conservation Area,  
Four Ponds Loop Trail.  
All five Hamlin bridges  
were made possible by a  
generous donation from  
the Meredith Rotary Club.  
(Photo: Peter Miller)**

# Meredith Public Library

Lydia M. Torr, Library Director

Marilyn E. Rushton, Assistant Library Director

The library had two very exciting projects this year. The first was artist Emily Magnus of Holderness who designed and painted the mural on the walls of the rear entry. What a delight for all ages as they scanned the trompe l'oeil shelves to find favorite creatures. The smiles and compliments trickled up to the main circulation desk constantly.

The second project was truly an honor. The front lawn of the library was chosen as the spot in town to highlight the "All American Selections Display Garden." Hundreds of patrons commented, took pictures, inquired about plant species, brought visiting family and friends to view this spectacular sight. We thank Emily and the Greater Meredith Program for bringing so much beauty and pleasure to our establishment.

Staff member Cynthia Lowman left at the end of June for a location change to Texas. Cynthia was a pleasure and asset to the team at the library. We miss her. Upon Cynthia's departure, Lois Morris was chosen to take over the Audio Visual department and Victoria Lang, who has been a highly trained volunteer for several months, was hired to replace Lois' former position. Both appointments have been hugely successful for staff and patrons alike.

Marilyn and Lydia were honored at a town staff recognition luncheon in December, Marilyn for 40 years of library service and Lydia for 30 years of service.

A heavy loss and sadness touched us all in the library community this fall. Our dear Sam "Sammy" Citron passed away after dedicating his "in Meredith time" to the library as a volunteer every day we were open. Rain, shine, snow or blow, Sam got our mail and newspapers for over ten years. He is greatly missed but his love of life, humor, intellect and kindness will echo in our walls forever. What a gift he bestowed on all of us to be privileged to be a part of his life. We love you Sam.

We also want to thank Jim Rushton for his faithful daily journey to the post office following in Sam's footsteps as well as numerous odd job errands in and about the library. Jim is another "hidden jewel" in our crown.

As always, I cannot applaud my faithful, professional, dedicated staff enough. They go above and beyond to bring exemplary service to all who enter through our doors.

Linda Morgan, children's Librarian, had another smashing summer season with "Camp Wannaread" reading club. A heartfelt thanks to you and to the Children's team (Linda, Barbara Clymer and Pat Plattner) and all the caring merchants who so kindly reward the club participants with prizes and food.

The automation team consisting of Judy Hodges and Susan Brackett keep us up to date with our terminals, Internet access, and researching wireless technology for the near future to serve our numerous computer users with the best there is. The technical service team with Marilyn Rushton as head of the department and Joan O'Neil as her assistant do a splendid job of keeping all the latest fiction and non-fiction flowing on the shelves.



## Meredith Public Library continued...

As each year passes, this becomes more of a challenge as other formats make information and entertainment easily accessible but the team is up to the challenge of providing what is needed to keep us above the curve.

It certainly "takes a village" to accomplish all the wonderful events that have occurred this year. We are for fortunate to have the continued support and the clear vision for the future to make this happen. Thank you to all in our "caring village."

### Annual Circulation Report

Audio Visual Materials	19,318
Books	70,007
Periodicals	2,730
Costumes	465
Interlibrary Loans	722
Reference Questions Answered	2,316
Number of Registered Patrons	6,149
Passes to NH Learning/Recreation	780
Internet Usage	5,830

### Acquisitions

Audio Visuals	649
Books	3,360
Gifts	342
Lost/Discarded	3,511
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>94,022</b>
<b>Total Inventory</b>	<b>44,725</b>

## Meredith Public Library Trustees Report

Laurie A. Brothers, Chair

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all those who participated in the survey which ranked the Meredith Public Library highest in customer satisfaction for the Town of Meredith. We are especially proud of our friendly and dedicated staff who are such an important part of what makes Meredith such a wonderful small town to live in. While we are very conscientious of our historic past and preserving the heritage of the Lakes Region, the Board of Library Trustees are committed to striving to update our facilities and services to provide our patrons and visitors with the best service possible.

At this time we would also like to thank our many volunteers who provide the wonderful artwork and displays in the Library throughout the year. The Trustees would like to remember the donations which were given this past year, often anonymously, many, many thanks to you for your support. We would also like to thank all of those who contributed to our spectacular garden which was a celebration of nature right in our own front yard for everyone to enjoy.



# Parks & Recreation Department

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

Rick Desharnais, Program Director

I would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2005. I would also like to thank town and school officials, members of the Public Works Department, Buildings and Grounds Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and Water Department for their continued support of our activities and facility maintenance. Their spirit of cooperation is very much appreciated and vital to the delivery of recreational opportunities to our community.

I would also like to thank our Parks and Recreation Staff and Program Instructors who are all professionals in their fields. They take such pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities in a safe and supportive environment. I am very proud and appreciative of their efforts.

### COMMUNITY CENTER

At the 2004 Town Meeting voters approved funding for the construction of a new community center here in Meredith. Voters also approved funding for the purchase of the old “Lumbertown” property, which will serve as the site for the new community center. Construction began in March of 2005 and was completed in February of 2006. The Community Center is scheduled to open in April of 2006.

The Community Center Fund Raising Committee, as charged by the Board of Selectmen, launched a major fund raising campaign in February 2005 with a goal of raising \$400,000. Thanks to the tremendous effort of the committee members, and most importantly thanks to the incredible generosity of merchants, civic groups, youth groups, and individual community members, a total of \$350,000 has been raised or pledged thus far. Funds raised will help to provide items such as a playground, climbing wall, Hawkins Brook footbridge and stairway, flagpoles, and other items.

I would like to thank the members of the Community Center Search Committee for their dedicated service to the community. For nearly 60 years citizens and town officials have discussed and explored the idea of constructing a new community center here in Meredith. Committee members have generously donated their time, skills, and focused their attention on making the dream of establishing a community center become a reality.

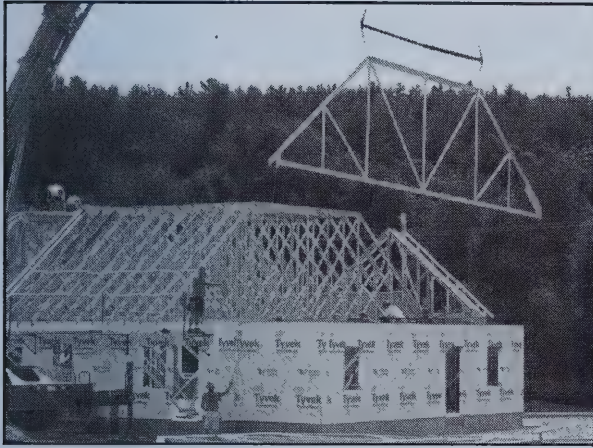
### COMMUNITY CENTER SEARCH COMMITTEE



Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director  
Rick Desharnais, Program Director  
Richard Gerken, Co-Chair  
Darell Jenkins, Co-Chair  
William Lance, Sr.  
Tammy Levesque  
Carol Gerken  
Eileen Harris  
Paula Wanzer  
Paula Trombi  
Joe Dever  
Frank Michel, Board of Selectmen  
Bob Flanders, Board of Selectmen



## Parks & Recreation Department continued...



Hoisting Trusses at Community Center  
July 2005



Installation of Community Center Cupola  
September 2005

### 2005 PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY OFFERINGS

Senior Exercise  
Boston Pops Holiday Concert  
Community Skating Party  
Lets Go Fishing Program  
Jr. Strength Training  
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting  
American Red Cross Babysitting  
Greetings From The Easter Bunny  
Hershey Track and Field Program  
Family Entertainment Series  
Family Fun Night & Lot Dance  
Ice Fishing Program  
Flower Arrangement Class  
Bowling  
Coed Youth Soccer  
Hip Hop Dance Class  
Counselor In Training  
Rafting

Youth Gym & Fitness  
Indoor Rock Climbing  
North Pole Calling  
Swim & Skate Trip  
Coed Pick Up Basketball  
Ice Skating Lessons  
Overnight Ski Trip  
Skate Park Trips  
Summer Concert Series  
Antique Boat Show Entertainment  
Summer Playground Program  
Adult Recreational Tennis  
Street Dance  
Fall Family Fun Fest  
Skateboarding Lessons  
Pick Your Own Pumpkin Trip  
Adult Coed Softball  
Teen Adventure Program

Snow Tubing  
Kidz Yoga  
Snow Shoeing  
Adult Yoga  
Mini-Sports  
Tennis Lessons  
Coed T-Ball  
Swim Team  
Swim Lessons  
Whale Watch  
Archery Program  
Water Carnival  
Red Sox Trip  
Fall Hikes  
Moose Tours  
Karate Class  
Flag Football White Water  
Paint Ball Trip

As always I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2006.



## Parks & Recreation Department continued



*Archery Program*



*Street Dance*



*Fall Family Fun Fest*



*Cannon Mountain Trip*



# Planning & Zoning Department

John C. Edgar, AICP, Town Planner

William M. Edney, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant

Christine Tivnan, Planning and Zoning Clerk

Our elected officials, volunteer land use boards and staff are striving to keep up with the pace of development and the management of its ramifications. Admittedly, this is a very significant challenge particularly in light of the sustained growth we have been experiencing since the mid 1990's. Construction was initiated in 2005 on six major, non-residential projects in addition to five expansions of existing, local businesses. Five smaller subdivisions were approved during the course of 2005 and the review processes for three additional major subdivisions has been initiated and are currently pending. Two significant potential subdivisions were also brought before the Planning Board in a conceptual fashion.

In addition to the day-to-day review of development proposals, we continue to work on planning initiatives that are aimed at guiding future development and anticipating future community needs.

**Capital Improvements Program (CIP).** On November 8, 2005 the Planning Board adopted the 2006-2015 Capital Improvements Program. The CIP is a forecasting tool that identifies and prioritizes major capital needs over a ten-year period. The 2005 amendment cycle identified several, major capital needs with respect to utility infrastructure and public facilities. This represents significant challenges in the years to come and underscores the importance of a balanced, thoughtful approach to meeting our capital needs.

**Protecting Our Public Drinking Water Supply- Lake Waukegan.** In December 2004, the Lake Waukegan Watershed was selected by NHDES to participate in the Watershed Approach Pilot Program. The town through the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee is partnering with the Center for the Environment at Plymouth State University to conduct water quality sampling at several tributary locations throughout the five-town watershed. The purpose of this two-year sampling effort is to provide additional data to support future decision-making aimed at protecting and improving water quality.

On September 12, 2005 the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee presented the Management Plan for the Lake Waukegan Watershed to the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The plan includes a detailed assessment of existing water quality data and over 65 strategies or recommended actions. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the plan and tasked the Committee with assisting with the implementation of plan recommendations. In November the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services awarded its first-ever Source Protection Award to the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee noting, "...the Waukegan plan is unequalled among water supply source protection plans in New Hampshire in terms of its thoroughness, technical quality and the participatory process by which it was developed..."

The watershed management effort is now entering the implementation phase. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with projects and to maintain political, geographic and stakeholder diversity on the Advisory Committee. If you are interested in the activities of the Committee, or in serving in a volunteer capacity, please contact Bruce Bond, Chairman, Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee, 279-6430 or [bondbr@metrocast.net](mailto:bondbr@metrocast.net).

# Planning & Zoning Department continued...

**Natural Resource Inventory (NRI).** The NRI is a collaborative effort between the Planning Department and the Conservation Commission. In September of 2005, the NRI was presented to a joint workshop held between the Conservation Commission and members of the Planning Board. The NRI contains fifty pages of narrative description and analysis addressing agricultural, forest, visual, water and wildlife resources. Also included are twenty figures, seven tables, eight color maps, and three appendices. The report is meant to be read by Meredith residents and property owners, Town officials and lay persons interested in the natural resources of Meredith. The NRI fulfills several recommendations of the Community Plan and acts as a supplement by providing in-depth information on critical resources in the community. The NRI has also resulted in improved mapping capabilities and can help to educate and inform the public about those attributes that make Meredith special and unique to the Lakes Region.

**Zoning Ordinance Update.** The 2002 Community Plan adopted by the Planning Board after extensive citizen participation and public hearing, recommends a comprehensive updating of the zoning ordinance. More specifically it recommends the creation of “Village” districts in order to distinguish Meredith Village from the areas surrounding it. Zoning is the principal tool that we use to guide the nature and location of development and redevelopment, throughout the community. The zoning ordinance was first adopted in 1971 and amended almost annually over the ensuing 30+ years.

In January 2005, a series of zoning proposals were brought to public hearing. After receiving constructive criticisms on the proposals, the Planning Board decided not to advance the proposals at that time. Re-working of the proposals has continued through 2005 to a point where significant portions of the update were presented to the public at a public hearing on January 3, 2006. The Planning Board voted to bring this proposal forward for consideration by the voters in March 2006. This revised proposal responds to many of the criticisms raised last year, reflects the goals articulated in the 2002 Community Plan, and includes many, much needed consolidations, and clarifications. The Planning Board will continue to update other portions of the ordinance for future consideration by the voters.

**Waukegan Watershed Overlay District (Proposed).** The 2002 Community Plan recommends a watershed approach as a framework to help manage our water resources and places a high priority on the Lake Waukegan Watershed. The recently completed Management Plan for the Waukegan Watershed (June 2005) includes many recommendations for resolving water quality concerns. Among the various strategies is a general recommendation to adopt a watershed overlay district to direct development away from ecologically sensitive areas, guides construction and development and prohibit high-risk land uses. The Meredith Planning Board has developed a proposed amendment to the Meredith Zoning Ordinance entitled the “Lake Waukegan Watershed Overlay District”. The current proposal addresses only the issue of density/minimum lot size and is considered a significant first step towards easing development pressure on this critical resource. A public hearing was held on January 17, 2006. The Planning Board voted to bring this proposal forward for consideration by the voters in March 2006.

Copies of the...

2006-2015 Capital Improvements Program, the Management Plan For The Waukegan Watershed, the Natural Resources Inventory of the Town of Meredith, and the full text of the proposed zoning amendments can be found on the town’s web site at [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org).



# Planning & Zoning Department continued

## Application and Permit Summary

### Planning Board Application Summary – 2005

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	14	Pre-Application Consultations	7
Home Occupation Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	10	Architectural Design Reviews	11
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	5	Revocation and/or Disapproval	0

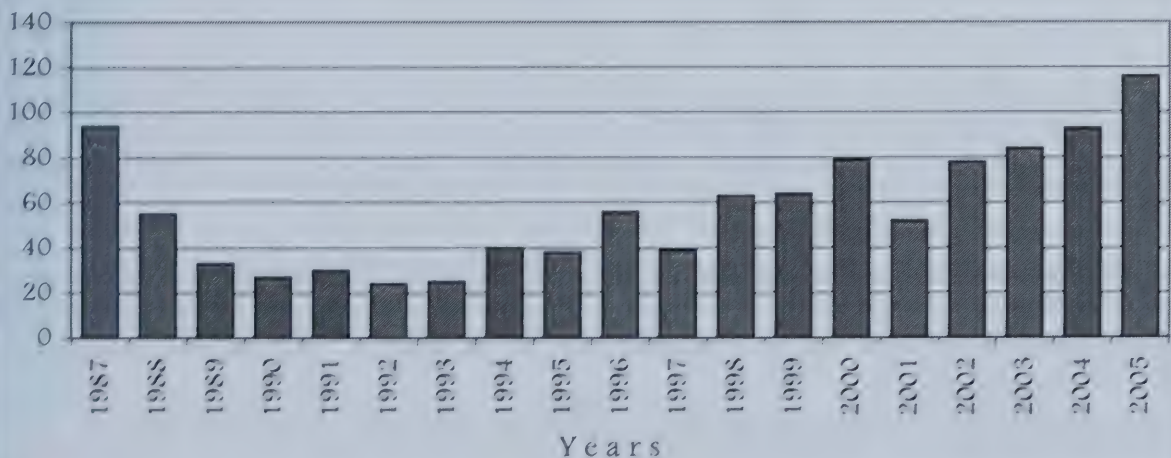
### Zoning Board Summary – 2005

Variance Applications	21	Special Exceptions Denied	1
Variances Granted	17	Total Applications Withdrawn	7
Variances Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Granted	0
Special Exception Applications	52	Rehearing Requests Denied	6
Special Exceptions Granted	46	Administrative Decisions Denied	5

### Building Permit Activity – 2005

New Single-Family Homes	65	Electrical/Plumbing	530
Two-Family Homes	1	Oil Burner	61
Multi-Family Homes (Condo)	50	Garages/Storage Buildings	63
Mobile Homes	5	Residential Renovations & Repairs	143
Demolition	42	Driveways	28
Fences	4	Docks/Boathouses/Repairs	19
Swimming Pools	3	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	29

Building Permits-New Residential Construction  
(Single, Two & Multi-Family Units)



## Planning and Zoning Department continued...

### Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Peter Brothers, Chairman

The Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee continued its seventh year of service to our community providing the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Inter-Lakes School District with a list of recommendations for capital improvement projects for years 2006-2015 for their budget consideration.

By consensus, the CIP Advisory Committee worked to update and revise its recommendations. The Committee reviews and/or amends previously established obligations or priorities of our “base plan”, then considers the addition of new projects identified through the annual review process.

Two very important Study Committees were authorized in early 2004 by the Board of Selectman and presented to the Committee in 2005; the Municipal Space Needs Study Committee and the engineering evaluations of the municipal water and sewer systems. The Report of the Space Needs Study Committee clearly indicates that there is an immediate and significant space need for the Police Department as the number one priority. Further this study flagged the need for other major facility replacements including the central fire station and the DPW garage. The Board of Selectmen in conjunction with a Police Station Building Committee is currently working on the details of size and costs for the project. As the project year for the police station project was not been determined in the CIP, the debt service attributable to the project is not included in our analysis. Although the Water and Sewer Department engineering evaluations have not been fully completed, some major system capital needs have been identified; therefore the CIP Committee recommends the creation of a Water Systems Expendable Trust Fund (ETF), which will begin to address funding for needs not specifically addressed at this time.

The CIP is an important tool for the Board of Selectman and the School Board to use in guiding them through their budget development process! However, the process needs to be flexible and work towards integrating the capital needs and overall competing priorities of the Town and School District. Given the number of capital needs and their associated costs brought forth to the CIP Committee in 2005, levels of unallocated program capacity have been reduced or eliminated in contrast with prior years.

Copies of the Capital Improvement Program 2006-2015 are available at the Town Offices and on the Town of Meredith, NH website ([www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org) under the Planning Department). We welcome your comments and suggestions, so please contact John Edgar, Town Planner or CIP Advisory Committee members.

As Chairman of the CIP Advisory Committee, I would like thank the volunteer Advisory Committee members, and express our appreciation to the staff of the Town of Meredith and the Inter-Lakes School District for their continued support and contributions to the CIP process. Thank you all!



# Police Department

Kevin Morrow, Chief of Police

As the end of another calendar year draws to a close, it is my privilege to give our 2005 report of your police department activities.

Again, and as always, it gives me great pleasure in saying "Thank You" to our citizens, the Town Manager, elected and volunteer officials and all the Town Departments for supporting the Police Department in all its endeavors. An even greater thank you is directed to the community and all those people and committees involved in investigating, compiling information and pushing our goal towards building a new Police Department facility. Now, more than ever, a better, more efficient, and undoubtedly expansive facility, is still one of our top priorities in serving our community. We hope that as the potential site for a new facility will be built on already Town-owned land, the financial impact of the proposed warrant article will be greatly accepted by the public.

In particular, I cannot go without expressing my gratitude to all of the men and women of this Police Department, who have continued to show a steadfast dedication and unwavering professionalism in serving the community and this department. As your Chief of Police I pledge to continue to keep the Town of Meredith a safe and welcoming place for all.

## Statistics

<u>Activities</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Calls for Service	13,134	14,070
Motor Vehicle Warnings	2,515	4,804
Motor Vehicle Summonses	207	289
Arrests	342	403
Accidents	316	327
Incidents	500	573
Dogs Licensed	1,114	1,045
Animal Complaints	491	431

# Public Works Department

Mike Faller, Public Works Director

All four divisions of the Public Works Department had a busy year. We welcomed Paul Ristaino to our team in April. Paul is the Public Works Operations Manager in charge of Buildings & Grounds and Cemeteries crews. A brief outline of 2005 for each division follows:

**HIGHWAY DIVISION:** The winter of 2005 saw normal snowfall and crews were called in 32 times to plow, sand, and salt. Major snow removal from the downtown village area and parking lots was done three times. Cummings Cove Road was rebuilt and paved and all new culvert pipe was installed. The road base was lifted two feet in spots. Overlays were completed on Highland Street, St James Street, Caverly Street and Black Brook Road. Approximately 400' of Greemore Road was graveled, a town water line installed and the section paved. The new Plymouth Street parking lot was completed and opened for business. South Main Street received a shim coat of asphalt to take some of the curse off. An extensive ditching program was on going throughout the entire town roadway system. Late summer and early fall we received a record amount of rain. Our roads, with the exception of a few spots, received moderate rain damage from the excessive run off. The crews were kept busy repairing washouts and replacing culverts. We responded to a call for Mutual Aid to assist the Town of Sanbornton to help their crew repair Sanbornton town roads that took a hard hit from the rain storms. In the Fall we installed new conduit and light bases at Clough and Scenic Park for the new light poles. All plows, sanders and winter equipment were prepared and we got ready for winter again!

**SOLID WASTE:** Brian Grinavic moved from the BG crew to the Solid Waste crew in January to replace an employee who moved out of the area. Brian completed all training and received his Solid Waste Operator license and certification from NH DES. The other crew members also attended training sessions to renew their licenses and update their certifications. A new scale was installed to replace the original scale from 1988 which was badly deteriorated and worn out. We applied for and received Grants for new signs for the Solid Waste Facility from America the Beautiful. Work was done to refurbish the brush pit area and redo drainage of the Solid Waste grounds. The recycling store continues to be the "hot hangout" for many of our residents who delight in finding "treasures" to take home! This popular retail facility helps recycle good, usable merchandise that would otherwise be thrown away. With the increase in the number of year round and seasonal residents in Meredith and Center Harbor the Solid Waste crew was hard pressed to keep up with the demand for services this year and we commend them.

**CEMETERY DIVISION:** The cemetery crew worked hard to plan, layout, landscape and finish the new burial section at the back of the Route 3 Village Cemetery. Work also continued this year as the crew tries to make their way through the 89 small outlying cemeteries in town. Many more old monuments and headstones were repaired, graves inventoried, stone walls rebuilt and brush cut in several more of these small cemeteries in an attempt to preserve history and maintain the beauty, dignity and peace of all of our town cemeteries. With a lot of Yankee ingenuity the cemetery crew converted recycled materials (at no cost) into a water tank and built a watering system to mount on one of our trucks. It worked great to efficiently water all of the newly planted trees and bushes that were installed along the Route 3 corridor with the new sidewalk construction.



## Public Works Department continued

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION:** This has been a banner year for Buildings and Grounds as the Town of Meredith won the America in Bloom competition! The BG crew put out an extraordinary effort to make sure the grounds all around our beautiful town look so crisp and colorful! The crew also changed the look of our waterfront Hesky Park by installing new lighting along the walkway, planting new trees and installing new curbing (with the help of the Highway crew) along the boat launch ramp to help protect the lawns in this heavily used area.

Speaking of lush green grass-we were able to implement a new fertilizer program using a new organic fertilizer which is safe to be applied around lakes with no harm to our environment! But all of this beauty doesn't just happen. It involves a lot of work which kept the BG crew extremely busy this year. They could not have done it without the help of a couple of temporary summer crew members who did a great job helping us out. We completed a large cleanup and installed new sand at the Child's Park in Meredith Center, as well as installed a new gate for emergency access for trucks or equipment to enter the ball field or play area.

We are trying to find ways to conserve energy use in our town buildings and began with a light replacement program. All town lighting was assessed and new energy efficient bulbs were put in all light fixtures in all town buildings. We will continue to look for more ways to spend less on energy and utility bills for town buildings. A lot of painting and repair work was done at Leavitt Park Beach where we also rejuvenated the play area and added cushioning sand under the play equipment. We started "Butt Patrol" every Monday and Friday. We walk town wide with a bucket and picker sticks to clean up cigarette butts with our goal of keeping our streets and sidewalks as clean as possible. The town hall interior and the skate park at Prescott Park were painted. All of this was done in between our regular trash, maintenance, grounds keeping and repair duties! We are a team at B&G and are proud of keeping our town beautiful and well maintained.

**PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE:** We were kept busy issuing many permits for driveways, road opening/trench permits and load limit permits and doing follow-up inspections, reviewing and inspecting new subdivisions and roads, fielding numerous phone calls and writing work orders for roads and town properties service. Soaring fuel and materials prices kept us constantly shopping for the best prices to keep our budget down.

This year we began to design and set up our own new computer based vehicle maintenance program and to physically inventory the many, many signs (traffic, street, warning, informational) all around town to begin setting up a computer based Sign Inventory/Management Program. We also started the physical inventory of all catch basins and culverts which we will also put into a computer program. We hope to link these up with a GIS system in the future.

The Town of Meredith is home to the majority of our employees and we are proud to be a vital part in keeping our home looking good and operating well. We extend our thanks to all town residents for their continued support.

# Town Clerk Department

Pauline L. Jones, Town Clerk

Sheila M. Vachon, Deputy Town Clerk

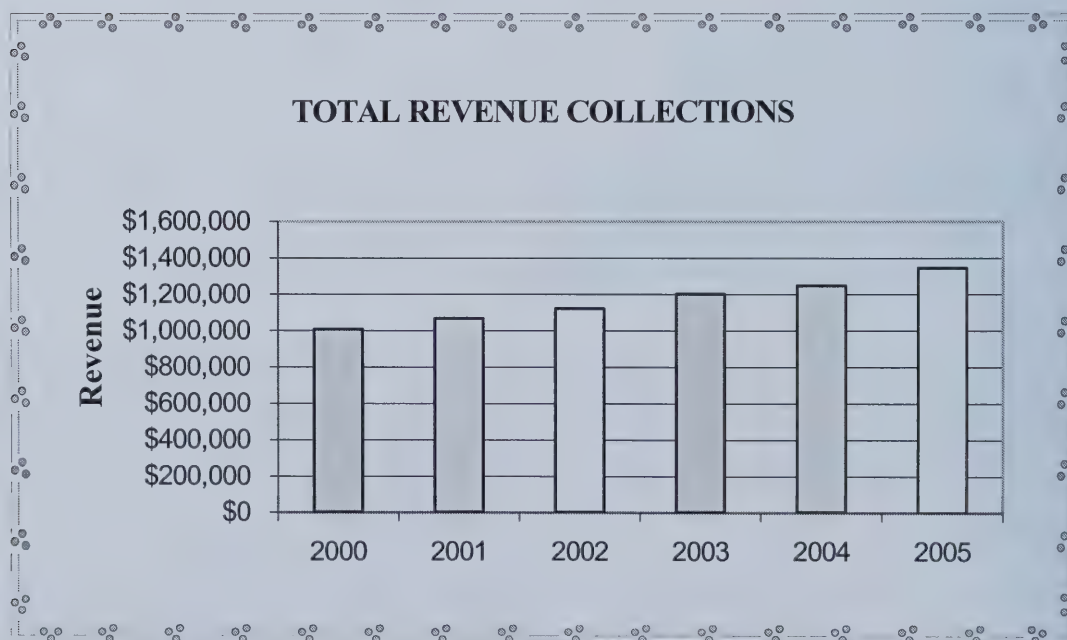
The Town Clerk's Department continues to be very busy with new residents moving into our area. The new developments in town impact our Department as well as other offices within the town. We continue attending classes in Concord to keep up to date with the changes coming forth from the various State Departments.

As always, we are here to assist the residents of Meredith in any way possible in a professional, caring manner and with a smile on our faces. We greatly appreciate your continued support and it is our pleasure to be of assistance.

The 2005 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Auto Registrations (9,869)	1,317,570.50
Dogs (1,052)	6,851.00
Miscellaneous:	<u>20,385.91</u>
(Includes): UCC Filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Records Copies, Aquatherm Permits, Dredge & Fill Permits, Mailings, and Notary/Justice Fees.	

<b>TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$1,344,807.41</b>
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# Water and Wastewater Departments

Robert Hill, Superintendent

Daniel Cutting, Chuck Wade, Lee Bavis, and Donna Turner, Department Staff

This last year, as expected was another exceptional year of growth in the number of connections to the water and wastewater systems. Forty units at Meredith Bay Village were finished and construction on the 30-unit complex has started with completion planned for this year. Waukegan village is scheduled for completion this year with a build out of 58 units.



The Water Ordinance was rewritten to clarify the articles, address connection to the water system, and address procedures for the Town Manager and Selectmen to initiate Water Emergency Restriction Plans. With continuing growth of the customer base, water rates and fees were reviewed and an increase was recommended to meet Department expenses and place money aside for future projects. We were fortunate in not raising the rates for 15 years, however to meet demands the rates needed to be adjusted. With the rise in cost of rates to meet expenditures and projects the expectation of conserving water should keep the increased water rates within your budget.

The Wicwas Dam on Meredith Center Road has been engineered with construction plans and documents ready for construction, which is planned for 2007-2008 in cooperation with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation.

The final installment into the (ETF) Expandable Trust Fund was received in 2005 allowing us to engineer and reconstruct the Cygnet Shores Wastewater Pumping Station off of Pleasant Street in 2006.

The Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee completed its report that is available for reading and addresses the protection of Lake Waukegan and the Watershed. The report was so well written and informative that The State of New Hampshire presented the committee with the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Source Water Protect Award. The WWAC is continuing to meet and should be commended on their excellent work to protect a watershed that is important to all of us.

Testing of Backflow devices will resume this year on all backflow devices installed on water services requiring a testable backflow device. Meter upgrades to radio read are moving along and it is expected that the total change out will be in 2 years.

I would like to thank all Town Departments for their assistance throughout the year. I also would like to thank my staff that is not recognized as often as they should be for their diligence and work. As always, I encourage your thoughts and comments whether positive or negative regarding the water and sewer systems.

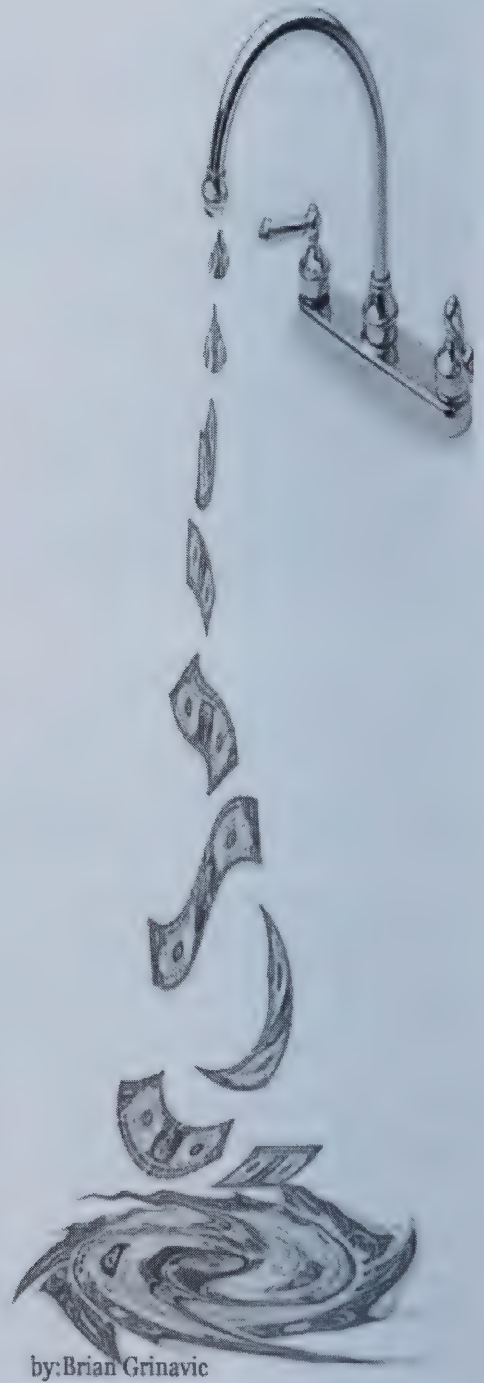
Thank you for allowing us to provide you with service.

# Water and Wastewater continued...

### Tips for Water Conservation

- ♦ Listen and look for drips at faucets and piping. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons each month.
- ♦ A leaking toilet may waste 600 gallons of water each month. Place a little food coloring dye into the tank and let it set for a while. Then look into the bowl, if you see any of the dye you probably have a leak. The repair is easy to fix and the money saved in your water bill will probably pay for the repair.
- ♦ A 1/16-inch pinhole in a pipe can waste 74,000 gallons over a 3-month period.
- ♦ Washing clothes only when you have a full load could save 600 gallons each month.
- ♦ Don't buy recreational toys that require a constant flow of water.
- ♦ A low flow showerhead could save 500 gallons a week. They are relatively inexpensive and easy to install.
- ♦ Don't use water to wash down a driveway, sweep with a broom instead.
- ♦ Install moisture sensors on irrigation systems, water in the morning, and have a timer installed to control the amount of water used in irrigation.
- ♦ More plants die due to over watering then from under watering. Water only when necessary.
- ♦ Mulching around plantings helps retain moisture and reduces the need for constant watering. Mulch can be bought locally, or when available can be picked up for free at the Meredith Solid Waste Facility.

**WASTING WATER = WASTING MONEY**





## American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Bob Kennelly, Commander	Herb Vadney, Finance Officer	Timer Morrill, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander
Joey Shaw, Sgt-at-Arms	Ryan Linke, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate	Elliot Finn, Adjutant	Ben Wyatt, Chaplin

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 125 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Recreation Department and the Santa Fund. We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February	Memorial Day	The Fourth of July
Meredith Home Day and Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August	5th annual 9/11 Tribute	
6th annual Golf Tournament in the Fall	Halloween	
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving	Christmas and New Years Eve and Day

Please check The Meredith News or at The Post for dates and times.

## American Red Cross

Shelley Proulx, Manager

The American Red Cross is a non-profit, community service organization dedicated to providing disaster relief and emergency aid to people living in central and northern New Hampshire. The Red Cross helps people prevent and prepare for as well as respond to emergencies. By offering a variety of programs and services including health and safety education, disaster response, emergency preparedness, blood services, military communications and international tracings, the ARC helps build stronger and safer communities.

The Concord Area and Greater White Mountain American Red Cross chapters began working together as one organization. This collaboration was created to leverage resources from each unit, streamline operating procedures and increase efficiencies in all program areas. With new, additional resources in place, our strategic focus is to expand programs and services in the North Country and northeastern side of Lake Winnepesaukee including the cities and towns of Plymouth, Littleton, Berlin, Colebrook and Wolfeboro.

### Financial Information

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the Concord Area Chapter and Greater White Mountain Unit served 16,295 individuals with a combined operating budget of 1.1 million dollars. The Red Cross receives no funding from the federal government. Our revenue sources include; 27% voluntary community donations, 43% products and services, 15% United Way, 2% grants, 3% municipal allocations and 10% from all other sources.

## SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

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### Child and Family Services, Lakes Region Office

Walker Brown

The Board and staff of Child and Family Services very much appreciate the generous support that the town of Meredith gives to our programs. As New Hampshire's oldest non-profit social service agency, we depend on your help to continue to serve low-income children and their families through a wide range of quality, affordable programs.

Your support, combined with other funds, has enabled us to provide 250 hours of service to 341 Meredith residents during the 12 months ending June 2005. The services provided included Adoption, Family and Children's counseling, and Integrated Home Based Services. In addition, 3 Meredith children were able to spend 2 weeks at Camp Spaulding, our summer camp in Concord.

The Lakes Region office is located at 95 Water Street in Laconia. For more information regarding our programs please call 524-5835 or (800) 640-6486 or visit our website at [www.cfsnh.org](http://www.cfsnh.org).

### Community Health and Hospice, Incorporated

Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director

Community Health & Hospice is a not for profit visiting nurse and community service agency located in Laconia and serving Belknap County. In the Town of Meredith, we provide services to compliment those provided by the Meredith Public Health Nursing Association. In particular, Community Health and Hospice provides hospice care, homemaker in-home chore service to the elderly, and health and family support services to families with young children. While each of these services helps to promote health and independence, they also require community financial support.

During the last year, Community Health and Hospice provided Meredith residents with 1,989 in-home visits by professionals or support service workers. Of those visits, 814 were to patients at the end of life through our hospice and palliative care program. Over four hundred visits were made to families with young children to connect them with a medical home or to provide essential health services. Finally, 646 visits were given to the elderly to help maintain them in a home setting rather than a nursing home.

During the past year, Community Health and Hospice implemented a computerized health care record to assist us in managing patient care needs. Today, over forty professionals use the computer as a tool in patient's homes to provide state-of-the-art care. We are pleased to continue to work with Meredith, and we are grateful for your continued support.



# Emergency Management

Steven R. Bennett, Director

Peter G. Russell, Assistant Director

2005 was a quiet emergency year for Meredith until the floods hit New Hampshire in October. Meredith did not entirely escape the damage; however, compared to other towns in the state we are extremely fortunate.

When the flooding damage occurred I was advised of conditions by the Public Works Department, following established Emergency Response Procedures and was given a quick tour of the areas damaged. I notified FEMA so we could begin the reporting and request for reimbursement/funding assistance process. Thanks to the professional and immediate response by members of the Public Works Department serious damage to our infrastructure was prevented and affected roads and areas were kept open for emergency response and for the residents.

Incidents of this nature tend to reinforce how important standard Emergency Response Procedures are to a community to have in place before a disaster strikes. Be assured that Meredith is well prepared in all areas and in all town departments to meet the emergency needs of this community and to offer the hand of support to our neighbors who are less fortunate.

My sincere thanks to all citizens, volunteers and town employees of Meredith who have worked so hard over this past year to help keep Meredith the safe and wonderful community that it is.



Flooding at Sawmill Shores Road

## SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

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### Genesis

Michael Coughlin, Executive Director

To the residents of Meredith:

Genesis Behavioral Health is very grateful to the Town of Meredith for its 2005 appropriation. This funding helped Genesis Behavioral Health cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2005 (ending June 30, 2005), a total of 153 Meredith residents came to Genesis Behavioral Health to find help for their mental health problems.

Their ages break down as follows:

Ages 1 to 17	42
Ages 18 to 59	75
60 & over	<u>36</u>
Total	153

From this total, 18 residents did not have the resources to cover the costs of their services in full. This "charity care" totaled \$15,414. Your appropriation helped cover a portion of those costs.

Since 1966, Genesis Behavioral Health has provided mental health services for residents of the Lakes Region. Services are provided to children in schools, at home and in special programs designed to help the children practice the skills they need to improve their lives. Elders may receive services in their homes, group homes or nursing homes. Our Gatekeeper Program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders living alone who may need assistance. The Genesis Community Support Program provides services for adults living with life-long mental illnesses. Finally, individual therapy for adults and children can help address issues causing distress as well as provide guidance towards positive behaviors.

Genesis emergency services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Genesis Behavioral Health is very grateful to the Town of Meredith for its 2005 appropriation. This funding helped us cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

Thank you for your support.



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# Greater Meredith Program

Jeanie Forrester, Executive Director

2005 was a very good year...with collaboration being the cornerstone to success. GMP was fortunate to work with various civic organizations, the business community, town officials and departments, and private citizens who all care deeply about Meredith. Projects included those that benefited the business community as well as the community at-large.

The *Meredith Village Farmers' Market* provided a venue for local farmers and producers to sell their product. It also provided a community activity that drew shoppers to our village district. This project worked because of collaboration between the business community and the Town (specifically the Public Works Department and the Police Department).

The *Plan NH Charrette* provided us with a framework to begin improvements in the village district and had great participation from the town, the business community, residents, and various organizations. Close to \$70,000 worth of professional services were provided in this design workshop.

The creation of the *Welcome to Meredith* sign on McDonald's hill was a shining example of how the Town, the state, civic organizations, and small business can work together to bring about a real improvement to the community that benefits all. Specifically, this project was made possible because of the Meredith Rotary Club, McDonald's and the NHDOT.

The *America in Bloom* win and the *All America Display Garden* installation, again examples of how the civic organizations, the business community, individuals, and the town worked together to enhance an already charming village.

The *Art! in the Garden Walking Tour and Auction* not only provided an opportunity for businesses and artists to collaborate, but also provided funding for our *Extreme Makeover: Small Business Edition* project. The Extreme Makeover of Phu Jee Chinese Cuisine saw amazing generosity and community spirit from contractors, small businesses, our local utility and broadcasting network, and the town.

Other events included *Halloween in Meredith: A Spooktacular Series of Events with the Scarecrows in the Village competition and the Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt* and *A December to Remember with the Winter Wonderland Holiday Display Contest and Santa's Christmas Stocking project*.

A review of GMP's financial investment back into the community revealed an almost 2 to 1 return on investment for the town's financial commitment to the program. We've accomplished a lot in one year, thanks to the collaborative effort of those who truly believe that the revitalization of our village district is a community effort.

### Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

Two-thousand and four was a busy year for Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, during which we completed a series of renovations including a fire sprinkler system throughout the building, a new chimney, a handicap access ramp, expansion of the toddler playground, bathrooms, and brick walkways.

The Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School's early childhood program provides comprehensive, developmentally appropriate infant, toddler, preschool, and school age extended-day programs within a safe and nurturing environment. Guided by professional staff, this enhances the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children, while at the same time responding to the needs of families by providing morning preschool programs, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Other services include special needs support, vision and hearing screening, dental care, transportation for kindergarten, and sponsorship of 26 home daycare providers who serve approved meals and snacks and receive reimbursement from USDA. Through the State of New Hampshire, under the Title XX Child Care and Development Fund Scholarships, sliding-fee scale tuition is available based on income and family size. This helps parents who are employed, in training, enrolled in degree or certificate programs, on job search or who are temporarily disabled.

The children, families and staff of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center extend a heartfelt thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continual strong support, and to the Fire, Police, and Water Departments for their patience and extra support this year.

### Kidworks Learning Center

Jennifer Weeks, Director

Kidworks Learning Center is a private non-profit child learning center, which has been offering services to families in Meredith since 1996. We presently have an enrollment of 98 children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 12 years. The center offers the following programs:

- Child care for infants and toddlers
- Before and After school care
- Preschool and Kindergarten classes
- Summer enrichment programs

Kidworks Philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that give each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the four major areas of development: emotional/social, cognitive, physical and speech/language.

Kidworks is open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm year around. We welcome a diverse group of children. Presently 20% of our children come from low-income households. The center participates in the State of New Hampshire Childcare Scholarship program, which provides tuition assistance to eligible families. With support from the CACFP Food program we provide nutritious meals to all children.

The continued support from the Town of Meredith allows us to provide high quality, affordable childcare programs to families who live and work in this community.



## Laconia Motorcycle Week Association

Charlie St. Clair, Executive Director

Jennifer Anderson, Director

The Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is a non-profit promotional organization for Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and State of New Hampshire. Throughout each year, we travel to the International Motorcycle Trade Shows, with attendance at over 400,000 people, at the following locations: New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Daytona Beach, Baltimore, Denver, and Boston in order to promote this area and the Oldest National Rally, Motorcycle Week. As well as the trade shows, this Association promotes Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and the State of New Hampshire through an advertising campaign in trade magazines throughout the United States and Canada.

Each year, two editions of the Laconia Rally News are printed and distributed to a direct market around the world. This magazine gives helpful information for first time visitors to the area as well as those who return each year. A motel list is included with various lodging information from Laconia, Meredith, and across the State. Our Association received a matching grant through the Joint Promotional Program of the State of NH's Department of Travel and Tourism for 2005. One of our project goals for this grant is to increase overnight stays to the Lakes Region and the State of NH. The Official Motorcycle Week website [www.laconiaMCweek.com](http://www.laconiaMCweek.com) averages well over a hundred thousand hits per month and offers links to other venues including information on the Town of Meredith.

Appropriated funds received from the Town of Meredith as Board Member dues, allow this Association to have a continued partnership with the town in order to offer the Association's assistance in items to do with the Rally. The successfulness and sustainability of Motorcycle Week is made possible through our sponsors and Board members such as the Town of Meredith. Thank you!

*The 83rd Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week is  
June 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006!*

## Lakes Region Community Services Council

Richard Crocker, Executive Director

Lakes Region Community Services Council provides support and services to families with children and adults who are developmentally disabled living in the Meredith area and surrounding communities. Some of the supports we provide to people with disabilities include: helping to find jobs, training to stay employed, how to be involved in community events and assist with personal care needs and transportation.

The funds received from your town continue to be used to support the recreation coordinator's position. She has been working with recreation departments and community members in several towns organizing or assisting in events that create opportunities for all to participate.

We would like to thank the citizens of Meredith for your on-going and future support for making recreation opportunities available in your community.

### Lakes Region Planning Commission

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

### Meredith Chamber of Commerce

Susan Cerutti, Executive Director

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 340 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. Members are listed on the Chambers web site-[www.meredithcc.org](http://www.meredithcc.org). and in various specialty guides produced by the Chamber. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open daily from May through October and Monday through Friday from November through April. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2005 were Judy Manning, Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, and Molly Landrigan.

Again this year, the Chamber conducted a national advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed 225,000 copies of a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure. The 2005 Meredith Area brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area. The brochures are also at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber. All advertising materials contain the Chamber's web address, [www.meredithcc.org](http://www.meredithcc.org) and our toll free number.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Meredith Area Community Golf Tournament, the Spring Fest Gala, The Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all continued.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the town in carrying out its many projects.



## Meredith Community Action Program

Prudence Tylenda, Area Director

The Meredith Community Action Program is a local, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly and low-income residents in the Town of Meredith.

During the past year, we have provided \$695,414 in services to Meredith residents. As you are aware, our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, emergency food pantry, family planning and transportation. For more information, please contact 279-4096.

We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support of CAP.

## Meredith Historical Society

Anne Jollimore, President

The Meredith Historical Society, in its fifty-sixth year, continues to be an important asset to the town. The officers, directors, and members are volunteering many hours of service. They not only spend time in the museums, but also work at home. Taking calls, researching items, cleaning textiles and other items of import, getting appraisals on some items, reviewing and accepting donations of artifacts, cataloging and photographing, maintenance of the buildings which has, in most cases, been attended to by officers who volunteer their time. Local businesses have sometimes provided materials and expertise at reduced cost.

Members have enjoyed an exciting year as they discovered several artifacts in the museums and worked to preserve them. Because of the publicity provided by State and local newspapers, the Society has been contacted by individuals who have donated items of local interest.

The two museums, open to the public at no charge during the summer season, have had visitors from all over the country. Indexing continues, and this makes it possible to more quickly furnish information to the many who come in or call to inquire about specific events or objects. The Programs offered at the regular monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday evening of each month from May through November, have been very well attended.

The Main Street Museum windows are designed to reflect local events, upcoming programs, and historical scenes. Members are available to offer programs to schools or other organization relating to the Society and its work. With community support, the Society has grown to a membership of over 135 individuals, businesses, and organizations. Membership is important, as the income for the work of the Society is derived from membership dues and donations. Membership is open to individuals, entities, and corporations who share the purpose of this Society. Members generously provide baked goods for the bake sales that are held semi-annually to help provide proceeds for the operation of the museums.

The Society is grateful for the consideration and support of all the people in the Town of Meredith who make it possible for the Society to preserve local history throughout the year and present historical programs from May through November.

### Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

Jane H. Kiah, Executive Director

MPHNA is a Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS approved and State Licensed non-profit agency that provides Skilled Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Worker, Licensed Nurses Aide, and Homemaker Service to the residents of Meredith and Center Harbor. Board of Directors include Richard Harlow, President; Max Jenness, Vice-President; Jean Greenlaw, Secretary; Robert Laferriere, Treasurer; Virginia Stephens, Asst Treasurer; Phyllis Hamblet, James Wallace, Janis Roberts, Thomas Pryor and Frances Secord.

Home Visit Services in Meredith during 2005 include: 2334 RN; 310 Weekend/Evenings; 495 Physical Therapy; 166 Occupational Therapy; 58 Speech Therapy; 14 Medical Social Worker; 3378 LNA; and 451 Homemaker Service.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Eugene Arcand, Carlos Barry, Ann Bevilacqua, Jean Bird, Leland Brown, Rita DeFranc, James Fleming, Doris Goddard, Eleanor Gorman, Lewis C. Hanson, Diane Horne, William Lance, Ruth MacIntyre, Mark Manter, Anne M. Marston, Clifford Moore, Jack Robinson, Evelyn Seaman, Nancy Starrett, Barbara Stuetzer, Kenneth Wade, Donald Walker, Bernice Weeks.

A sincere thank you is extended to the residents of Meredith and our many volunteers for their continued strong support of our agency.

### New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center

Kathy Keller, Executive Director

On behalf of New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2005 allocation, of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provides advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy, and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county.

New Beginnings had staff and advocated in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated over 22,000 service hours. All services are provided free of charge.

We are members of the statewide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that affects victims of domestic and sexual assault. If you need further information, please call 528-6511.



## New Hampshire Humane Society

Claudia Abdinoor, Executive Director

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) provides numerous services to the residents and companion animals in the Town of Meredith. Strays are safely housed for 7 days (cats, 3 days) prior to becoming available for adoption to the public. NHHS takes in owner- relinquished pets by appointment and matches the animal with the best adoptive home. Our animals are not euthanized for reasons of space or time. We offer the residents of your town an alternative to releasing their animal to the streets when they can no longer care for them. Quarantine facilities are made available to the town as well as animal cruelty investigation. Educational programs are offered to town schools and civic organizations. If you are interested in any of the programs, please call the administrative offices at (603) 524-8236 or contact the shelter at (603) 524-3252.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town during 2005 is as follows:

<b>Stray Animals from:</b>	<b>Town of Meredith</b>
Dogs & Puppies	44
Cats & Kittens	52
Other Animals	<u>0</u>

Total number of animals received    96

## Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

James Wallace, Meredith Representative and Vice President, Board of Directors

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a medically supervised program that is affiliated with LRGHealthcare. Its mission is to promote individual health responsibility, providing a safe and comfortable site to exercise while supporting and encouraging healthy lifestyle habits.

Opening in January 2000 the center serves men and women from Center Harbor, Meredith, Moultonboro and Sandwich. You will find a registered nurse and exercise aide along with friends and neighbors. We are equipped with exercise and strength training equipment, treadmills, rowers, recumbent bicycles, elliptical trainer and free weights. Major benefit comes to those with the following health challenges. Diabetes, Obesity, Arthritis, Asthma, Multiple Sclerosis, Cardiac Problems, Muscle Weakness, Breathing Problems, High Blood Pressure, Fatigue, Loneliness and Inactivity.

The program works closely with local physician and visiting nurses who may feel this program would benefit some one after home care. The Caregivers Group transports several members to the center. Our goal is to keep it cost affordable for membership and provide a service in the community. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 am to 4 pm. Please contact us at 253-1839 for further information.

As always, the staff and members wish to express their thanks to the town for their continued support.

## Town of Meredith - Births

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/02/05	Moynihan, Molly Margaret	Moynihan, Dermot	Moynihan, Chantelle
01/12/05	Fennell, Brytin Leo	Fennell, Robert	Paradise, Tonya
01/19/05	Smock, Avery Lynn Marie		Nowell, Amberlee
01/26/05	Alexander, Ryan Trevor	Alexander, Ryan	Alexander, Sarah
03/07/05	Drake, Dean Kennith		Drake, Jennifer
03/18/05	Range, Sydnee Elena	Range, Thomas	Range, Jamee
03/21/05	Tewksbury, Cayden Andrew	Tewksbury, Timothy	Tewksbury, Tiffany
03/28/05	Flanders, Vanessa Isabell	Flanders, Brian	Flanders, Mariluz
04/05/05	Stebbins, Harleigh Richard Lloyd	Stebbins, Harleigh	Robinson, Jill
04/07/05	Waldron, Emily Rose		Waldron, Miranda
04/12/05	Seely, Caylin Anne	Seely, Tylee	Seely, Elizabeth
04/26/05	Barrera, Jaime	Barrera, David	Ruiz Barrera, Yolanda
05/05/05	Boucher, Joscelyn Lee	Boucher, Thomas	Boucher, Jennifer
05/12/05	Wallace, Kyra Annastacia	Verrill, Chad	Wallace, Vanessa
05/13/05	Lorden, Ryan James	Lorden, Travis	Pilkenton, Kate
05/13/05	Lorden, Abigail Jean	Lorden, Travis	Pilkenton, Kate
05/19/05	Boyd, Ciara Marie		Carritte, Tracie
05/19/05	Boyd, Makayla Ann		Carritte, Tracie
07/08/05	St. Gelais, Aaron Merle	St. Gelais, Gregory	Corriveau, Amy
07/12/05	Fortier, Joseph	Fortier, Paul	Fortier, Christina
07/16/05	Kiviniemi, Maryssa Jean		Hurd, Samantha
07/26/05	Carpentiere, Will MacDonald	Carpentiere, David	Carpentiere, Tami
08/02/05	Ford, Kaylee Lynn	Ford, Jason	Sapier, Jennifer
08/03/05	Noyes, Alexandra Elizabeth	Noyes, Michael	Shute, Jessica
08/06/05	Weaver, Kate Lily Ann	Weaver, Christopher	Weaver, Kerry
08/10/05	Thomas, Joshua Steven Paul	Thomas, Jason	Thomas, Lisa
09/20/05	King, Makenna Rayanne	King, Robert	King, Autumn
09/21/05	Keniston, Kaelan Paul		Bollig, Kristen
10/02/05	Richardson, Lily Margaret	Richardson, Mitchell	Richardson, Mary
10/02/05	Phinney, Nicholas Otis	Phinney, Nathaniel	Besaw, Nicole
10/03/05	Poehler, Allana Nicole	Poehler, Justin	Poehler, Kristen
11/03/05	Balgach, Michael Peter	Balgach, Stephen	Brothers, Joanna
11/04/05	Harding, Diana Iris	Harding, Jeff	Harding, Nicole
11/15/05	Learned, Marissa Ry-Anne	Learned, Thomas	Gilpatric, Katrina
12/01/05	Stuart, Victoria Anne	Stuart, Shawn	Stuart, Faith
12/06/05	Richards, William Frederick	Richards, William	Richards, Carolyn
12/12/05	Beaudoin, Benoit Xavier	Beaudoin, Mark	Beaudoin, Stacy
12/22/05	Cafarella, Zachary Cole	Cafarella, Donald	Cafarella, Lisa



# Town of Meredith - Marriages

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Groom's Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Bride's Residence</b>
02/05/05	Sterling, Douglas R.	Meredith, NH	Nash, Elizabeth J.	Moultonboro, NH
04/02/05	Nichols, Robert A.	Meredith, NH	Marando, Alice A.	Meredith, NH
04/02/05	Tillson, Brian D.	Meredith, NH	Richards, Tracy L.	Meredith, NH
04/17/05	Lorden, Travis P.	Meredith, NH	Pilkenton, Kate	Meredith, NH
04/30/05	Poehler, Justin, M.	Meredith, NH	Duval, Kristen N.	Meredith, NH
05/07/05	Beauboeuf, Andre F.	Laconia, NH	Boucher, Nicole R.	Meredith, NH
05/14/05	Nedeau, Robert S.	Meredith, NH	Caccamo, Kristin L.	Meredith, NH
05/14/05	Fennell, Robert J.	Meredith, NH	Taylor, Lani N.	Meredith, NH
05/15/05	Fitzgerald, Keith C.	Meredith, NH	Van Ooijen, Francisca J.	Meredith, NH
05/21/05	LaPlante, Luc	Meredith, NH	DeFosie, Nicole L.	Meredith, NH
06/23/05	Hanks, Thomas G.	Moultonboro, NH	Berry, Lois A.	Meredith, NH
06/25/05	Langan, Thomas J.	Center Harbor, NH	Fagnant, Joann S.	Meredith, NH
06/25/05	Hale, Jason P.	Meredith, NH	Higgins, Laurie J.	Meredith, NH
07/02/05	St. Arnaud, Timothy J.	Meredith, NH	Burgess, Wendy M.	Meredith, NH
07/16/05	Behrsing, Steven	Meredith, NH	Colon, Rhett L.	Meredith, NH
7/23/05	Brown, Theodore R.	Meredith, NH	Dubarry, Natasha M.	Revere, MA
07/23/05	Kidder, Stephen D.	Meredith, NH	Iadonisi, Rachel K.	Meredith, NH
07/31/05	Johnson, Erik B.	Meredith, NH	Klochkova, Anastasia V.	Meredith, NH
08/08/05	Neill, Jonathan D.	Meredith, NH	Dow, Amanda J.	Gilford, NH
08/13/05	Hoiriis, Peter W.	Meredith, NH	Busch, Ellen M.	Hampton, NH
08/20/05	Larson, Kenneth S.	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Elena M.	Meredith, NH
08/22/05	Johnson, Joseph A.	Meredith, NH	Moses, Mariah L.	Meredith, NH
08/27/05	Hobbs, Billy J.	Meredith, NH	Cartwright, Leah N.	Meredith, NH
08/27/05	Ronan, Keith M.	Meredith, NH	Hersey, Kate L.	Woburn, MA
09/10/05	Avery, Willaim M.	Campton, NH	Bailey, Rita J.	Meredith, NH
09/25/05	Young, Jeremmy A.	Meredith, NH	Bogannan, Elizabeth L.	Meredith, NH
10/01/05	Beauchemin, Mark R.	Meredith, NH	Ruel, Ann M.	Meredith, NH
10/15/05	Ahlquist, Wayne A.	Meredith, NH	Donahue, Colleen M.	Meredith, NH
10/16/05	Wilson, Michael L.	Meredith, NH	Bryant, Holly E.	Meredith, NH
10/29/05	Goetz, Robert W.	Meredith, NH	Dow, Sheila J.	Gilford, NH
10/29/05	Dow, Rodney E.	Meredith, NH	Bickford, Deborah A.	Meredith, NH
11/10/05	Ridenour, Michael A.	Meredith, NH	Toombs, Nichole A.	Meredith, NH
11/12/05	Sleeper, Raymond J.	Reynoldsburg, OH	Amabile, Priscilla A.	Meredith, NH
11/26/05	North, Charley J.	Meredith, NH	Linville, Georgia L.	Meredith, NH
12/17/05	Battaglia, Marcus R.	Meredith, NH	Waldron, Miranda R.	Meredith, NH
12/30/05	Clayton, Christian G.	Meredith, NH	Matthews, Terry A.	Meredith, NH

## Town of Meredith - Deaths and Burials

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>
01/06/05	Steele, William	Meredith, NH	Steele, Thomas	Dippold, Mildred
01/15/05	Correia, Marcia	Meredith, NH	Nunes, Manuel	Cunha-Phillips, Marcianna
01/17/05	Davis, Theo	Laconia, NH	Davis, Angelo	Coromulas, Helen
01/21/05	Lower, Arthur	Meredith, NH	Lower, Arthur	Grover Donohue, Luella
01/23/05	Edwards, Rosa	Meredith, NH	Andinach, Francisco	Duran, Josefa
01/24/05	Cogan, Margaret	Meredith, NH	Beach, Perly	Harvey, Viola
01/25/05	Hurd, Marjorie	Laconia, NH	Drake, John	Boynton, Louise
01/29/05	Wade, Kenneth	Laconia, NH	Wade, Leland	Hiscock, Nina
01/29/05	Remson, Kenneth	Laconia, NH	Remson, Louis	Bridgeo, Violet
02/07/05	Monteith, John	Meredith, NH	Monteith, John	O'Neil, Jessie
02/12/05	Blackey, Virginia	Laconia, NH	Dunklee, Hubert	Downing, Celia
02/26/05	Soos, Gus	Laconia, NH	Soos, Geza	Unknown, Theresa
03/03/05	Johnson, Virginia	Meredith, NH	Green, Sydney	Piety, Louise
03/05/05	Benoit, Clifford	Meredith, NH	Benoit, Harry	Belrose, Laura
03/08/05	Dunlap, Marjorie	Meredith, NH	Lussier, John	Merrill, Bertha
03/24/05	Emerson, George	Laconia, NH	Emerson, George	Hill, Myra
04/01/05	Forbes, Sylbert	Meredith, NH	Ainger, Ryvers	Wallace, Grace
04/07/05	Huckins, Muriel	Meredith, NH	Morrison, Clifton	Beaman, Doris
04/10/05	Beede, Douglas	Franklin, NH	Beede, Fay	Gibson, Pearl
04/10/05	Fleming, James	Laconia, NH	Fleming, Albert	Connors, Anne
04/10/05	Crafts, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Corwin, Arthur	Wilson, Calla
04/30/05	Meyer, Anna	Meredith, NH	Eldridge, Wilbur	Templeton, Myrtle
05/01/05	Jones, John	Meredith, NH	Jones, John	Fone, Laura
05/05/05	Jones, Mary	Laconia, NH	Crossley, James	Bancroft, Helen
05/06/05	Ambrose, Jane	Concord, NH	Langer, George	Swasey, Olive
05/15/05	Blackey, Philip	Plymouth, NH	Blackey, Harry	Edwards, Katherine
05/24/05	Manter, Mark	Laconia, NH	Manter, Thomas	Fowler, Gretchen



# Town of Meredith - Deaths and Burials continued

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
05/25/05	Garrick, Gregory	Meredith, NH	Garrick, Walter	Tanzer, Paula
05/26/05	Cote, Donald	Meredith, NH	Cote, John	Foster, Agnes
06/07/05	Walker, Donald	Laconia, NH	Walker, Harry	Hoff, Dorothy
06/13/05	O'Neil, Eugenia	Meredith, NH	O'Neil, John	Flaherty, Frances
06/14/05	Beach, Richard	Concord, NH	Beach, Perley	Harvey, Viola
06/16/05	Anderson, Jerald	Meredith, NH	Anderson, Gustave	Heinzman, Ednamae
06/17/05	Kennedy, Charlotte	Laconia, NH	Sanborn, Royden	Adams, Cora
06/20/05	Folsom, Gregory	Laconia, NH	Folsom, John	Start, Shirley
06/26/05	Morrissey, Gertrude	Laconia, NH	Morris, Edward	Murphy, Mary
07/04/05	Ratchford, Ronald	Meredith, NH	Ratchford, John	Buckland, Adelaide
07/05/05	Lance, William	Lebanon, NH	Lance, Walter	Scribner, Abbie
07/04/05	Ratchford, Ronald	Meredith, NH	Ratchford, John	Buckland, Adelaide
07/05/05	Lance, William	Lebanon, NH	Lance, Walter	Scribner, Abbie
07/09/05	McCracken, James	Meredith, NH	McCracken, Archibald	Currie, Anne
07/11/05	Prescott, Robert	Meredith, NH	Prescott, Charles	Dearborn, Sarah
07/17/05	Whitcher, Vera	Meredith, NH	Bixby, Williard	Currie, Hatti
07/18/05	Robinson, John	Lebanon, NH	Robinson, Walter	Baldwin, Margaret
07/21/05	Richardson, Margaret	Laconia, NH	Thomas, William	Bray, Elizabeth
07/25/05	Mackie, Marjorie	Meredith, NH	Bythewood, Daniel	Schroeder, Johanna
07/30/05	Merrill, Harold	Meredith, NH	Merrill, Harold	Nash, Elizabeth
07/31/05	Horne, Dianne	Laconia, NH	Cummings, Arnold	Smith, Norma
08/01/05	Croteau, Gary	Laconia, NH	Croteau, Arthur	Humiston, Joyce
08/03/05	Goddard, Doris	Meredith, NH	Dow, Benjamin	Dionne, Eugenia
08/03/05	Lewis, Mildred	Meredith, NH	Wheeler, Frederick	Evitts, Susan
08/06/05	Sullivan, Neil	Meredith, NH	Sullivan, Patrick	Cronin, Mary
08/09/05	Brown, Leland	Laconia, NH	Brown, Alfred	Parker, Rosa
08/09/05	Gorman, Eleanor	Laconia, NH	Davis, H. Lisle	Horne, Grace

## Town of Meredith - Deaths and Burials continued...

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
08/10/05	LaFleur, Wendy	Meredith, NH	LaFleur, Arthur	Classon, Sandra
08/15/05	Duquette, Fernand	Meredith, NH	Duquette, Conrad	LeClerc, Germaine
08/20/05	McPhee, Robert	Manchester, NH	McPhee, John	Collard, Agnes
08/27/05	Swain, Alice	Laconia, NH	Wunderlich, Charles	Clark, Alice
08/27/05	Moore, Clifford	Laconia, NH	Moore, Clifford	Helms, Marion
09/02/05	Trudel, Gerard	Meredith, NH	Trudel, Jacques	Vermette, Lucia
09/09/05	Mostoller, Larry	Laconia, NH	Mostoller, Paul	Spangler, Anna
09/10/05	Horgan, Sylvia	Meredith, NH	Poore, Ira	Hussey, Susan
09/12/05	Citron, Samuel	Laconia, NH	Citron, Abraham	Turransky, Jennie
09/14/05	Francis, Dolores	Concord, NH	Scherer, Conrad	Lalonde, Dolores
09/25/05	Rist, Daisy	Laconia, NH	Fitzpatrick, William	Smith, Daisy
09/27/05	Davis, Kenneth	Plymouth, NH	Davis, Clifford	Kennell, Christina
10/02/05	Richard, Yvon	Laconia, NH	Richard, Emile	Robichaud, Clara
10/02/05	York, Pearl	Meredith, NH	Smith, Charles	Tucker, Edna
10/07/05	Muller, Robert	Franklin, NH	Muller, Adam	Mayhew, Eleanor
10/12/05	Pietrulewicz, Janina	Laconia, NH	Gwiazdzinska, Adam	Unknown, Victoria
10/21/05	Johnson, Allan	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Everet	Olson, Frances
11/01/05	Seaman, Evelyn	Laconia, NH	Fenton, Earle	Burnham, Mary
11/08/05	Amsden, Roland	Meredith, NH	Amsden, Orin	Clark, Elsie
11/14/05	Eames, Frances	Lebanon, NH	Austin, Vernal	Bagley, Nellie
12/04/05	Cooperman, Sheldon	Meredith, NH	Cooperman, Herman	Hirschfield, Rose
12/04/05	Drake, Jean	Laconia, NH	Hall, Roger	Nichol, Alberta
12/07/05	Towle, Philip	Meredith, NH	Towle, Frank	Gifford, Caroline
12/14/05	Plattner, Katherine	Meredith, NH	Hoegal, Joachim	Unknown, Anna
12/16/05	Berry, Mary	Meredith, NH	Irving, William	Maloney, Loretta
12/27/05	Batstone, Gerald	Laconia, NH	Batstone, Oswald	Baker, Una
12/31/05	Drake, Richard	Meredith, NH	Drake, Howard	Munger, Margaret



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
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We have substantially completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004. However, in June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis — for State and Local Governments*. This statement established new financial reporting requirements for all state and local governments. It requires new information and restructures much of the information that governments have presented in the past. The Town is required to implement this standard as of December 31, 2004.

The Town hired an independent consultant to assist the Town with the conversion of the financial statements. This required a lot of additional information in order for the consultant to complete the conversion.

Once the consultant has completed the conversion of the basic financial statements and prepared the management's discussion and analysis, we will be able to finish our audit and render opinions on the Town's basic financial statements.

January 23, 2006

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# Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS						
	General	Revenue	Projects	Agency	Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Assets						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 6,918,551	\$ 1,176,925	\$ 818,929	\$ 2,767,780		\$ 11,682,182
Investments	2,145,737			165,787		2,311,524
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)						
Interest						
Taxes	827,760					827,760
Accounts	67,032	171,886		430,167		669,085
Special Assessments-Current	86,130					86,130
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	214,780					214,780
Other	181,425					181,425
Interfund Receivable	183,296	1,728				185,024
Intergovernmental Receivable						
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	54,256					54,256
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(54,256)					(54,256)
Prepaid Items						
Other Debits						
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					8,002,933	8,002,933
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 10,624,711	\$ 1,350,538	\$ 818,929	\$ 3,363,734	\$ 8,002,933	\$ 24,160,844



## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Liabilities

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,172	\$ 47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,219
Retainage Payable						-
Intergovernmental Payable	5,185,289					5,185,289
Interfund Payable	662,896					662,896
Escrow & Performance Deposits	363,826			43,278		407,104
Deferred Revenue	214,780					214,780
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				430,167		430,167
General Obligation Debt Payable					7,647,340	7,647,340
Capital Leases Payable						-
Compensated Absences Payable					355,593	355,593
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,429,963</b>	<b>\$ 47</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 473,445</b>	<b>\$ 8,002,933</b>	<b>\$ 14,906,388</b>

EQUITYFund Balances

Reserved for Endowments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,225,260	117,530	9,563			1,352,353
Reserved for Special Purposes	420,902	391,159	809,366	2,890,289		4,511,716
Unreserved						
Designated for Special Purposes		841,802				841,802
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,548,586					2,548,586
	4,194,748	1,350,491	818,929	2,890,289		9,254,457
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 10,624,711</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,538</b>	<b>\$ 818,929</b>	<b>\$ 3,363,734</b>	<b>\$ 8,002,933</b>	<b>\$ 24,160,844</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>						

## Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 16,861	\$ 140,496		\$ 160,921	\$ 294,096	\$ 564,552	\$ 1,176,925
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Accounts							
Interfund Receivable			1,728		60,083	111,803	171,886
							1,728
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 16,861</u>	<u>\$ 140,496</u>	<u>\$ 1,728</u>	<u>\$ 160,921</u>	<u>\$ 354,178</u>	<u>\$ 676,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,537</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ -	\$ 47
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees							-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 47</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 47</u>
<u>Equity</u>							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ 20,159	\$ -	\$ 19,024	\$ -	\$ 78,347	117,530
Reserved for Special Purposes					185,706	205,453	391,159
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes	16,861	120,337	1,728	141,896	168,425	392,555	841,802
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>16,861</u>	<u>140,496</u>	<u>1,728</u>	<u>160,921</u>	<u>354,131</u>	<u>676,355</u>	<u>1,350,491</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 16,861</u>	<u>\$ 140,496</u>	<u>\$ 1,728</u>	<u>\$ 160,921</u>	<u>\$ 354,131</u>	<u>\$ 676,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,538</u>



## Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Athletic Fields and Tennis Court Prescott Park	Landfill Closure	Plymouth St. Route 3 N. Water/Sewer Improvements	Community Center	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 30,097	\$	\$	\$ 788,832	\$ 818,929
Interfund Receivable					
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 30,097</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 788,832</u>	<u>\$ 818,929</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Due to General Fund					
Retainage Payable					
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$ 9,563	\$ 9,563
Reserve for Special Purposes	30,097			779,269	809,366
Unreserved					-
Undesignated (Deficit)					-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>30,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>788,832</u>	<u>818,929</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 30,097</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 788,832</u>	<u>\$ 818,929</u>

## Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					Agency Funds	Totals
	Expendable		Nonexpendable				
	Library	Capital	Others	Town			
		Reserve					
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 8,998	\$ 268,963	\$ 2,423,909	\$ 22,632	\$ 43,278	\$ 2,767,780	
Investments	99,301			66,486		165,787	
<u>Receivables</u>							
Interest							
Accounts					430,167	430,167	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ 108,299	\$ 268,963	\$ 2,423,909	\$ 89,118	\$ 473,445	\$ 3,363,734	
<b><u>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</u></b>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Interfund Payable						-	
Escrow and Performance Deposits					43,278	43,278	
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					430,167	430,167	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	-	-	-	-	473,445	473,445	
Fund Balances							
Reserved For Endowments						-	
Reserved For Special Purposes	108,299	268,963	2,423,909	89,118		2,890,289	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	108,299	268,963	2,423,909	89,118		2,890,289	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	\$ 108,299	\$ 268,963	\$ 2,423,909	\$ 89,118	\$ 473,445	\$ 3,363,734	



# Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2005	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2005
<b>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</b>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 59,520	\$ 115,270	\$ 131,511	\$ 43,278
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 59,520	\$ 115,270	\$ 131,511	\$ 43,278
<b>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</b>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 426,968	\$ 28,883	\$ 25,685	\$ 430,167
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 426,968	\$ 28,883	\$ 25,685	\$ 430,167
<b>TOTAL ~ ALL AGENCY FUNDS</b>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 59,520	\$ 115,270	\$ 131,511	\$ 43,278
Due From Others	426,968	28,883	25,685	430,167
Total Assets	\$ 486,489	\$ 144,153	\$ 157,196	\$ 473,445
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 59,520	\$ 115,270	\$ 131,511	\$ 43,278
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	426,968	28,883	25,685	430,167
Total Liabilities	\$ 486,488	\$ 144,153	\$ 157,196	\$ 473,445

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2005	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2005
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 2,342
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	64,669	-		1,817	66,486
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	441	-		10	451
Edwin E. Beede	Library	99,101	-	1,975	2,175	99,301
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	6,871	-		152	7,023
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	1,015	-		22	1,038
William E. Bixby	Library	220	-		5	225
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	256	-		6	261
George S. Fogg	School District	2,754	-		61	2,815
Town Cemetery	General	6,470	-		143	6,613
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	658	-		18	676
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	9,907	-	-	278	10,186
		\$ 194,640	\$ -	\$ 1,975	\$ 2,363	\$ 197,417

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds continued

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2005	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2005
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 17,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 494	\$ 18,079
Library	Maintenance	7,718	-	-	171	7,889
Employee Benefits	Severance	143,326	25,000	-	4,029	172,355
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	74,995	-	-	2,108	77,103
Municipal Building	Additional Space	143	-	-	3,846	157
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	136,837	-	-	27	140,683
Fire Department	Communications	965	-	-	27	992
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	519,368	100,000	-	14,598	633,966
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	53,309	-	-	1,498	54,807
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	66,914	25,000	66,914	1,764	26,764
Boardwalk Renovations	Replace Boardwalk	36,142	-	-	953	37,095
Community Center	Community Center	335	-	-	33	368
Downtown Parking	Additional Space	481,806	-	65,922	13,542	429,427
Cygnnet Shores Pump Station	Sewer Pump Station	152,078	50,000	-	4,274	206,352
Property Assessment Maintenance	Assessing Maintenance	304,155	-	92,600	8,020	219,576
Public Safety Building/Land	Land and/or Building	253,160	-	258,757	5,598	-
Disinfection Water Change	Water Treatment	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Fire Department Building Trust	Land/Building	-	129,379	-	-	129,379
Police Department Building Trust	Land/Building	-	229,379	57,490	-	171,889
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		2,248,835	583,757	541,683	60,971	2,351,881
School - SPED	Special Education	60,707	-	-	1,342	62,050
Ruth S. Briggs	Scholarships	14,760	-	5,000	218	14,760
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$2,324,303	\$583,757	\$546,683	\$62,532	\$2,423,909
CAPITAL RESERVES		Beginning Balance 1/1/2005	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2005
Fire Truck		\$ 4,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ 4,684
Police		11,566	-	-	325	11,891
Water Department		32,177	-	-	904	33,081
Prescott Park Expansion		4,433	-	-	125	4,558
Total Town Capital Reserves		52,732	-	-	1,482	54,214
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		205,057	-	-	4,534	209,591
Inter-Lakes School District		5,047	-	-	112	5,158
Total Town Capital Reserves		262,835	-	-	6,128	268,963



## Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2005 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/05
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1988 Cotton Hill Sewer Bond	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	3.304%	\$ 125,000
1989 Library Expansion Bond	\$ 750,000	1989	2008	3.304%	\$ 195,000
1988 Water System Improvement Bond	\$2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	\$ 1,255,000
1994 Cataldo Road Sewer Bond	\$ 229,000	1994	2013	3.304%	\$ 115,000
1998 Westbury Road Sewer Bond	\$ 55,000	1998	2010	3.304%	\$ 45,000
1998 Wagon Wheel Sewer Bond	\$ 211,874	1998	2010	3.304%	\$ 100,000
1999 Pleasant Street Bond	\$1,400,000	1999	2011	3.304%	\$ 760,000
2001 Neal Shore Sewer Bond	\$ 200,000	2001	2010	3.870%	\$ 91,650
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 948,770	2002	2011	3.304%	\$ 365,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,409	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 541,847
2004 Conservation Bond	\$ 500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	\$ 450,000
2004 East Bluff Village Sewer Bond	\$ 115,381	2004	2014	3.870%	\$ 103,843
2005 Community Center Bond	\$3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$3,500,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2005					<u>\$ 7,647,340</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2006	\$ 738,411	\$ 278,996	\$ 1,017,407
2007	733,411	253,405	\$ 986,816
2008	733,411	228,024	\$ 961,435
2009	698,411	202,547	\$ 900,959
2010-2032	4,743,694	1,214,566	\$ 9,824,878
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 7,647,340</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,538</u>	<u>\$ 9,824,878</u>

### Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u>\$ 355,593</u>
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# Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Property	\$ 16,892,401	\$ 16,892,331	\$ (69)
Yield	15,000	13,570	(1,430)
Boat	43,000	49,091	6,091
Current Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	79,250	106,344	27,094
Total Taxes	17,029,651	17,061,336	31,686
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,246,389	1,284,760	38,371
Building Permits	25,000	32,769	7,769
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	51,750	60,047	8,297
Total Licenses and Permits	1,323,139	1,377,576	54,437
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b>State/Federal</b>			
Highway Block Grant	188,390	188,390	-
Railroad Tax	1,123	1,123	-
Shared Revenue	31,493	31,493	-
Rooms & Meals Tax	226,327	226,327	-
Water Pollution Grants	27,530	27,530	-
Filtration Grant	-	-	-
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	360	360	-
Other State/Federal Revenue	8,800	19,447	10,647
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	484,023	494,670	10,647
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	580,000	665,664	85,664
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Sale of Town Property	-	5,446	5,446
Interest on Investments	40,000	242,473	202,473
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	75,000	74,593	(407)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	115,000	322,512	207,512
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>			
Special Revenue Fund	192,371	192,371	-
Total Other Financing Sources	192,371	192,371	-
<b>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</b>	253,160	253,160	-
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</b>			
Reduce Tax Rate	750,000	750,000	-
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 20,474,184</u>	<u>\$ 20,864,129</u>	<u>\$ 389,946</u>



# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - General Fund

	2004 Encumbered	2005 Appropriation	2005 Expended	2005 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<b><u>General Government</u></b>					
Executive Office	\$ 4,548	\$ 166,382	\$ 162,795	\$ 4,548	\$ 3,587
Executive - Municipal Administration	503,758	464,097	602,018	503,315	(137,478)
Personnel Administration	3,000	1,398,302	1,213,806	3,000	184,496
Town Clerk	3,191	114,297	106,903	1,197	9,388
Administrative Services	6,990	269,805	262,590	15,110	(905)
Assessor	-	136,264	269,139	-	(132,875)
Tax Collector	-	63,824	58,201	-	5,623
Planning and Zoning	35,765	267,176	265,065	12,375	25,502
Regional Associations	-	67,954	62,926	5,028	-
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>					
Police	2,583	1,084,310	1,061,435	17,820	7,638
Ambulance	-	231,825	230,139	-	1,686
Fire	79,289	227,232	235,192	69,315	2,014
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>					
Solid Waste Disposal	8,000	796,700	745,556	39,753	19,391
Building & Grounds	3,500	232,129	227,126	3,166	5,337
Highway Department	97,486	1,732,347	1,783,620	37,726	4,743
Cemetery	14,249	80,393	80,381	9,518	8,488
<b><u>Water Distribution</u></b>					
Hydrant Rental	-	69,000	69,000	-	-
<b><u>Health</u></b>					
Health Agencies	-	64,757	64,757	-	-
<b><u>Welfare</u></b>					
General Assistance	-	50,500	48,917	-	1,583
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>					
Parks and Recreation	2,802	265,854	226,694	32,729	9,233
Library	30,970	413,325	403,350	40,245	700
<b><u>Economic Development</u></b>					
Economic Development	12,000	12,000	2,000	22,000	-
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt	-	523,154	376,662	-	146,492
Interest - Long-Term Debt	-	367,407	294,824	-	72,583
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>					
School Appropriation	-	10,358,041	10,358,041	-	-
County Appropriation	-	1,941,554	1,941,554	-	-
<b><u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u></b>					
Conservation Commission	17,095	11,225	8,161	20,159	-
Capital Projects	212,876	255,000	59,460	408,415	-
Expendable Trust Funds	-	325,000	325,000	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations,</b>					
<b>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</b>	<u>\$ 1,038,101</u>	<u>\$ 21,999,854</u>	<u>\$ 21,545,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,418</u>	<u>\$ 247,225</u>

# Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - General Fund

**Fiscal Year 2005**Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 2,914,575
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used	
Voted from Fund Balance	(253,160)
Reduction of Taxes	(750,000)
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Subtotal	\$ 1,911,415

Additions

<u>2005 Budget Summary</u>	
Revenue Surplus (Unaudited)	\$ 389,946
Unexpended Balance of	
Appropriations (Unaudited)	247,225
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2005 Budget Surplus	637,171
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$ 2,548,586</u>
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**Fiscal Year 2006 - Worksheet**Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2006 (Unaudited)</u>	\$ 2,548,586
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used	
Police Station Facility—Reduce Borrowing	(500,000)
Land Purchase	(50,000)
To Reduce 2006 Tax Rate	(750,000)
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2006 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,586</u>
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# Treasurer's Account Summary

## General Fund - Operating

Balance 01/01/2005	8,071,848.21	
Receipts & Transfers	19,246,340.13	
Expenditures	(20,329,637.16)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>6,988,551.18</u>

## General Fund - Investments

Balance 01/01/2005	614,250.66	
Receipts & Transfers	1,531,486.53	
Expenditures	-	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>2,145,737.19</u>

## Water Department

Balance 01/01/2005	286,438.10	
Receipts & Transfers	450,690.35	
Expenditures	(443,032.75)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>294,095.70</u>

## Sewer Department

Balance 01/01/2005	624,107.06	
Receipts & Transfers	576,660.66	
Expenditures	(636,215.89)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>564,551.83</u>

## Cable Franchise

Balance 01/01/2005	118,839.05	
Receipts & Transfers	48,566.93	
Expenditures	(6,485.28)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>160,920.70</u>

## Community Park

Balance 01/01/2005	2,300.93	
Receipts & Transfers	1.15	
Expenditures	-	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>2,302.08</u>

## Community Center

Balance 01/01/2005	(5,720.24)	
Receipts & Transfers	3,627,394.33	
Expenditures	(2,832,842.43)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>788,831.66</u>

## Conservation Commission

Balance 01/01/2005	98,817.54	
Receipts & Transfers	50,000.00	
Expenditures	(8,321.74)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>140,495.80</u>

## Treasurer's Account Summary continued

**Prescott Park**

Balance 01/01/2005	30,332.88	
Receipts & Transfers	-	
Expenditures	(236.00)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>30,096.88</u>

**Land Use Change Tax**

Balance 01/01/2005	73,225.00	
Receipts & Transfers	190,875.00	
Expenditures	-	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>264,100.00</u>

**Landfill Closure**

Balance 01/01/2005	(32,805.54)	
Receipts & Transfers	37,905.83	
Expenditures	(5,100.29)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>-</u>

**Plymouth Street/Rte 3 North**

Balance 01/01/2005	(315,265.97)	
Receipts & Transfers	355,548.22	
Expenditures	(40,282.25)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>-</u>

**Engineering Funds/Retainage**

Balance 01/01/2005	80,198.16	
Receipts & Transfers	94,591.58	
Expenditures	(131,511.11)	
Balance 12/31/2005		<u>43,278.63</u>

**Balance All Funds 12/31/2005**11,422,961.65



# Treasurer's Account Summary continued

## Proof of Balance

<b>Bank North</b>	801,901.71	
Certificate of Deposit		801,901.71
<b>Meredith Village Savings Bank</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	
Outstanding Checks	(1,062,769.96)	
Reconciled Balance		(1,062,769.96)
Payroll	-	
Outstanding Checks	(6,675.24)	
Reconciled Balance		(6,675.24)
Operating Account	100,000.00	
Reconciled Balance		100,000.00
Sweep	10,200,471.39	
Reconciled Balance		10,200,471.39
Certificate of Deposit	334,005.37	
Reconciled Balance		334,005.37
Certificate of Deposit	1,009,830.11	
Reconciled Balance		1,009,830.11
Engineering Account	153,781.75	
Outstanding Checks	(110,503.12)	
Reconciled Balance		43,278.63
Community Park Account	2,302.08	
Reconciled Balance		2,302.08
Baby Bicentennial Account #1	43.78	
Baby Bicentennial Account #2	43.78	
		87.56
Cash on Hand	530.00	
		530.00
<b>Reconciled Balance 12/31/2005</b>		<b>11,422,961.65</b>

## TAX INFORMATION

# Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes 1-1-05</b>		
Property Taxes		\$ 942,350.06
Yield Taxes		2,028.75
Betterment Assessments		11,537.21
Land Use Change Taxes		27,000.00
Excavation Taxes		973.96
Water Rents		57,540.43
Sewer Rents		103,392.53
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>		
Property Taxes	\$18,685,987.12	
Yield Taxes	17,383.85	372.31
Betterment Assessments	43,955.68	
Land Use Change Taxes	323,990.00	
Water Rents	308,810.70	
Sewer Rents	579,695.90	
<b>Overpayments</b>		
Property Taxes	72,982.69	1,074.25
Water Rents	261.00	113.96
Sewer Rents	378.00	
<b>Interest</b>	15,322.55	38,840.90
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$ 20,048,767.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,224.36</u>
<b><u>Credits</u></b>		
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>		
Property Taxes	\$17,907,667.86	\$ 919,954.11
Yield Taxes	15,598.96	2,401.06
Betterment Assessments	41,773.66	11,537.21
Land Use Change Taxes	314,610.00	27,000.00
Excavation Taxes		973.96
Water Rents	248,728.11	57,654.39
Sewer Rents	467,892.73	103,311.53
Interest	15,322.55	38,840.90
<b>Abatements</b>		
Property Taxes	23,542.12	23,470.20
Land Use Change Taxes	5,380.00	
Water Rents	1,023.30	
Sewer Rents	2,561.40	81.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes 12-31-05</b>		
Property Taxes	827,759.83	
Yield Taxes	1,784.89	
Betterment Assessments	2,182.02	
Land Use Change Taxes	4,000.00	
Water Rents	59,320.29	
Sewer Rents	109,619.77	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 20,048,767.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,224.36</u>



## Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Prior</u>
<b>Uncollected Liens 1-1-05</b>		\$ 142,393.35	\$ 89,415.74	\$ 3,715.13
Liens Executed During 2005	\$ 193,060.94			
Interest & Costs after Lien	3,294.25	13,144.23	32,806.96	1,269.82
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$ 196,355.19</u>	<u>\$ 155,537.58</u>	<u>\$ 122,222.70</u>	<u>\$ 4,984.95</u>
 <b><u>Credits</u></b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>				
Redemptions	\$ 87,181.74	\$ 68,740.63	\$ 87,407.69	\$ 1,959.14
Interest & Costs	3,294.25	13,144.23	32,806.96	1,269.82
Abatements	426.08	432.70	409.32	603.29
Deeded to Town				
Uncollected Liens 12-31-05	105,453.12	73,220.02	1,598.73	1,152.70
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 196,355.19</u>	<u>\$ 155,537.58</u>	<u>\$ 122,222.70</u>	<u>\$ 4,984.95</u>

## Tax Collector's Report

This year we are processing mail payments differently. You will have noticed that we are enclosing addressed envelopes with your property tax and water/sewer bills. These are addressed to a Manchester, NH post office box. We are using a Lockbox Service to process these payments. The cost savings and benefits to the tax office are substantial and we are very happy with the service provided.

After April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Tax Office accepts payments towards the 2007 property taxes. If you have past due taxes, please contact Vikki Fogg, the Deputy Tax Collector, to make payment arrangements. If you do not have a tax escrow account, you may wish to contact your mortgage holder to ask them about setting up an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.

Vision Appraisal is currently conducting a reevaluation of all properties in the Town of Meredith. The tax collector's office does not have the new assessment information. It will be available in the fall. Please address questions regarding your property assessment to the Assessing Office.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

*Valerie (Vikki) Fogg*

Valerie (Vikki) Fogg  
Deputy Tax Collector

## TAX INFORMATION

### 2005 Tax Rate Calculation

		2005 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
Appropriations	\$ 10,929,153		
Less: Revenues	4,731,970		
Less: Shared Revenues	(36,312)		
Add: Overlay	100,551		
War Service Credits	<u>237,550</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		6,498,972	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>5.59</u></b>
Due to Regional School	10,726,901		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(279,612)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(3,475,745)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		6,971,544	\$ 6.00
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.84		
1,223,853,913		3,475,745	\$ 3.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)			
1,158,129,662			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
<b>School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>9.00</u></b>
Due to County	1,941,554		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(8,881)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,932,673	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1.66</u></b>
Combined Tax Rate		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>16.25</u></b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		18,878,934	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(237,550)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 18,641,384</u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,162,607,162	13.25	\$ 15,403,189
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,158,129,662	3.00	\$ 3,475,745
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 18,878,934</u>



# Ten-Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
1996	11.05	7.10	1.81	19.96	575,967,000
1997	11.18	7.09	2.02	20.29	579,931,823
1998	11.44	6.89	1.94	20.27	589,261,949
1999	11.77	6.89	1.98	20.64	600,781,506
2000	10.17	6.89	1.93	18.99	692,241,498
2001	11.56	6.99	2.18	20.73	706,275,825
2002	9.56	6.09	1.82	17.47	911,814,837
2003	8.97	5.74	1.52	16.23	1,092,075,621
2004	8.68	5.70	1.57	15.95	1,132,161,235
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,162,607,162



# Summary of Town-Owned Property

## Conservation/Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.31	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.86	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.96	Lake Wickwas	Peninsula
R13-006	3.18	Lake Wickwas	Island
R13-007	5.34	Lake Wickwas	Island
R14-001	304.43	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.04	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	Chemung Road	Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.51	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.12	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	193.83	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation
R21-008	13.61	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - Wetlands
R22-007	22.66	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	33.12	Neddeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.21	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	38.05	Carleton Road	Town Forest
R32-001	49.08	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.22	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.07	Beattie Road	Former tree nursery
S22-020	13.09	Parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Park
S22-022	176.13	Parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Park
U05-002	0.30	Waukewan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.64	High Street/Waukewan Ave	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.19	Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	Route 25	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.02	Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.31	Route 3	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.51	Route 3	Hesky Park
U10-031	14.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.33	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-035	0.70	Route 3 North	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.83	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U14-001	21.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.26	Route 25/Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U39-058	21.19	Leavitt Park Road	Town Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

## Facilities

I02-021	0.08	Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.24	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.95	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.19	Jenness Hill Road	DPW, Landfill, Snow Dump
S23-021	0.36	Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-40	0.26	Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	Waukewan Street	Bathhouse, Sewer Pump Station



# Summary of Town-Owned Property continued

## Facilities continued

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
U03-030	0.38	Waukewan Street	Town Beach
U05-01A	0.07	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-01B	0.54	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.16	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.20	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.54	Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.13	Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.53	Route 3/Oak Street	Fire Station
U06-117A	0.07	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-117C	0.25	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-145	0.02	Route 3	Town Docks
U07-043	.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.14	Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Parking Lot (planned)
U07-107	0.17	Route 3 North	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	1.10	Route 3 North	Parking Lot (adjacent to Aubuchon Hardware)
U10-017	0.35	Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	21.05	Route 3 North	Police Department, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.42	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	16.22	Route 3 North	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.28	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.09	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.66	Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.06	Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot

## Vacant/Undesignated

I07-006	0.27	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.85	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.76	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R22-002	0.03	Upper New Hampton /Tucker Mountain	Road Intersection
R35-003	12.44	Pinnacle Ridge Road	Landlocked
S15-057	1.50	Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.22	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S18-056	0.71	Tracy Way	
S22-027	0.74	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
S23-051	1.73	Foundry Avenue	Narrow strip adjacent to Reservoir Brook
U01-01A	0.40	Route 3/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.09	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	1.04	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.27	Route 3 North	Water Line Loop
U12-015	174.45	Philbrook Avenue/Jenness Hill Road	
U15-014A	2.36	Pleasant Street	Landlocked, Wetland

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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# Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

Value of Land Only	
Current Use	\$ 974,462
Residential	511,565,000
Commercial/Industrial	<u>37,809,000</u>
Total Value of Land	550,348,462
Value of Buildings Only	
Residential	534,227,200
Manufactured Housing	7,447,800
Commercial/Industrial	<u>68,030,000</u>
Total Value of Buildings	609,705,000
Public Utilities	
Electric	\$ <u>4,477,500</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	1,164,530,962
Exemptions	
Blind	87,300
Elderly	1,532,600
Totally & Permanently Disabled	283,300
Solar/Windpower	<u>17,900</u>
Total Exemptions	<u>1,921,100</u>
Net Taxable Valuation	<u><u>\$ 1,162,609,862</u></u>



# **2006 Meredith Town Warrant**

## **State of New Hampshire**

### **TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Flagship Room at the Chase House, 312 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 14, 2006, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 4 through 20:

### **BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

To bring your ballots for:

Two (2) Selectman for three (3) years  
One (1) Selectman for one (1) year  
One (1) Moderator for two (2) years  
One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years  
One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years  
Four (4) Library Trustees for three (3) years

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Create three new Zoning Districts, called the Route 3 Commercial District (C3), the Village Residential District (VR), and the Village District (V), and change the Official Zoning Map to reflect the new districts? In addition, the amendments make certain changes to the tables of uses applicable to all Zoning Districts in town, and add a number of new and changed definitions to the Zoning Ordinance.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Create the "Lake Waukevan Watershed Overlay District" and establish a two (2) acre, minimum lot size/dwelling unit density requirement in the district? Where the minimum lot size or density required in any existing, underlying district is greater than the two (2) acre minimum, the more restrictive shall apply.

# TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

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## DELIBERATIVE SESSION

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million, Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,297,000) (gross budget) for the construction and original equipping of a Police Station Facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,297,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate and other details of said bonds or notes, and to authorize Board of Selectmen to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the funds to be derived from the sale of such bonds or notes, pursuant to RSA 33:7-a; finally, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any public or private grants or contributions that may be available in aid of the project.

**(Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the balance available in the Land Use Change Tax Fund (Fund #14) for 2005 in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$264,610) and to place that sum in the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from the town's General Fund Balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2005, and to place that sum in the Police Department Land/Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the Town's Water and Sewer Plant of approximately .53 acres located at 44 Railroad Avenue, identified as Tax Map U05, Lot 1, owned by Gerrity Company, Inc. for the purpose of expansion of the facility, or to take the property through the exercise of eminent domain if in the judgment of the Selectmen the property cannot be purchased at a reasonable price, and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for this purpose from the Town's General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2005, with no amount to be raised by taxes. Pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI this appropriation shall not lapse until December 31, 2011.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**



## ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b, II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000 for ages 65 – 74; from \$30,000 to \$55,000 for ages 75 – 79; and from \$40,000 to \$75,000 for age 80 years or older. Also, to change the maximum asset level from \$60,000 to \$75,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2006.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Also, to change the maximum asset level from \$60,000 to \$75,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2006.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to designate Keyser Road in the Town of Meredith as a Scenic Road, pursuant to RSA 231:157.

**(Petitioned by 10 or more persons who are Registered Voters or who own land which abuts the road petitioned)**

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will ratify and confirm the past practice in Meredith by now voting to delegate all duties and responsibilities for the management and care of Town cemeteries to the Town Manager as authorized under RSA 289:6, II, instead of having a Board of Cemetery Trustees.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to designate the former Feltham property, a parcel of land of approximately 207 acres located on Jenness Hill Road, identified as Tax Map U12, Lot 15, acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed in 1991, as town forest land pursuant to RSA 31:110 and to place the property under the management and control of the Meredith Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 31:112. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing and only with the approval of the Conservation Commission, shall have the authority to withdraw from time to time one or more portions of the property from its designation as town forest land to allow the portion or portions withdrawn to be used for some purpose other than as town forest.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

# TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

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## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Water System Improvements Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of continued improvements to the infrastructure of the water system and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Land/Building Fund as previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Water Treatment Disinfection Change Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**



# TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

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## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to construct restrooms at Waukegan Beach. This project is eligible for 2 to 1 matching grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, administered by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, contingent upon the appropriation of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), to be raised by taxation, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from grant funding program.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$11,215,934) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This sum does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in previous warrant articles.

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)**

## BUDGET INFORMATION

### 2006 Meredith Budget - Revenues

<u>Taxes</u>	2005 Estimated	2005 Actual	2006 Estimated
Yield	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,570	\$ 13,500
Boat	43,000	48,091	45,000
Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	79,250	106,344	63,900
Total Taxes	137,250	168,005	122,400
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,246,389	1,284,760	1,250,000
Building Permits	25,000	32,769	75,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	51,750	60,047	54,250
Total Licenses and Permits	1,323,139	1,377,577	1,379,250
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	188,390	188,390	188,390
Railroad Tax	1,123	1,123	1,123
Shared Revenue	31,493	31,493	31,493
Rooms & Meals Tax	226,327	226,327	226,327
Water Pollution Grants	27,530	27,530	27,530
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	51	51	-
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	360	360	360
Other State/Federal Revenue	8,800	19,447	20,000
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	484,074	494,720	495,223
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	580,000	665,664	625,000
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	-	5,446	-
Interest on Investments	40,000	242,473	100,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	75,000	74,593	75,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	115,000	322,512	175,000
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	192,371	192,371	281,149
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
Trust Funds	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources	192,371	192,371	281,149
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	2,831,834	3,220,848	3,078,022
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To	253,160	-	-
Reduce Tax Rate	750,000	750,000	750,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 3,834,994	\$ 3,970,848	\$ 3,828,022
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	401,397	617,248	680,000
Water	495,579	464,518	580,000
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 4,731,970	\$ 5,052,614	\$ 5,088,022



# 2006 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2005 Actual	2005 Expended	2006 Recommended
<b><u>General Government</u></b>			
Executive Office	\$ 166,382	\$ 162,795	\$ 183,714
Executive - Municipal Administration	545,097	673,018	612,720
Public Health	231,825	230,139	247,488
Personnel Administration	1,398,302	1,213,806	1,372,650
Town Clerk	114,297	106,903	124,774
Administrative Services	269,805	262,590	303,491
General Assistance	50,500	48,917	50,750
Assessor's Office	136,264	176,521	140,327
Tax Collector's Office	63,824	57,791	65,626
Planning & Zoning Office	267,176	265,590	254,990
CIP - Capital Project	175,000	175,000	140,000
Non-CIP - Capital Projects	80,000	80,000	82,000
Regional Association	67,954	67,954	69,527
Health Agencies	143,516	143,516	147,535
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>			
Police	1,084,310	1,061,435	1,131,593
Fire	227,232	235,192	238,445
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>			
Solid Waste Facility	796,700	745,556	848,608
Building & Grounds	232,129	227,126	234,640
Highway Department	1,732,347	1,783,620	1,876,175
Cemetery	80,393	80,381	84,813
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>			
Parks and Recreation	265,854	226,694	464,622
Library	413,325	403,350	456,778
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	523,154	376,662	738,411
Interest - Long-Term Debt	367,407	294,824	278,996
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	-	10,000
<b><u>Expendable Trust Funds</u></b>	325,000	325,000	287,500
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 9,767,792</b>	<b>\$ 9,424,380</b>	<b>\$ 10,446,169</b>
<b><u>Conservation Commission</u></b>	11,225	11,225	23,425
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>	401,397	424,464	562,993
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>	495,579	670,974	568,347
<b>Total Operating Budget All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 10,675,993</b>	<b>\$ 10,531,043</b>	<b>\$ 11,600,934</b>
Encumbrances	1,038,101	935,826	1,245,418
<b>Total Operating Budget All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 11,714,094</b>	<b>\$ 11,466,869</b>	<b>\$ 12,846,352</b>
<b><u>Warrant Articles Not In Operating Budget</u></b>			
Article #4 - Police Station Facility Bond	-	-	2,297,000
Article # - Use of Land Change Tax	-	-	264,100
Article #6 - Use of Fund Balance	-	-	500,000
Article #7 - Purchase of Land	-	-	50,000
<b>Grand Total - Municipal Budget</b>	<b>\$ 11,714,094</b>	<b>\$ 11,466,869</b>	<b>\$ 15,957,452</b>



## BUDGET INFORMATION

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### 2006 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

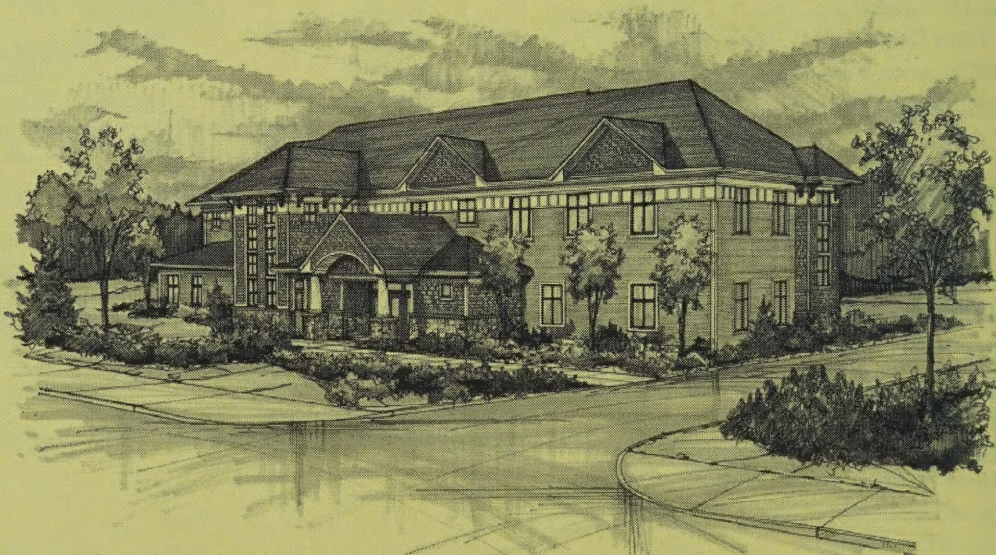
2006 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$11,600,934
Less: 2006 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(\$5,088,022)
Less: Shared Revenues - Town Portion	(\$36,312)
Add: Proposed Overlay	\$100,551
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	<u>\$237,550</u>
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$6,814,701</u></u>

**2006 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)** **\$5.86**  
Compared to 2005 Tax Rate of \$5.59 (Municipal Portion Only)

### Warrant Articles with Potential Tax Impact

Article #4—Police Station Facility Bond Issue \$2,297,000

### Proposed Police Station 2006



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**TOWN OF MEREDITH - NEW POLICE STATION**



# Meetings of Town Boards and Committees

## Monday **Board of Selectmen**

5:30 pm, 1st Monday of the month

5:30 pm, 3rd Monday of the month

Conference Room, Police Station

## Tuesday **Library Trustees**

7:00 pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month

Meredith Public Library

## **Planning Board**

7:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Conference Room, Police Station

## Thursday **Conservation Commission**

7:00 pm, 1st Thursday of the month (public meeting)

Conference Room, Police Station

7:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month (working session)

Town Hall Annex

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

7:00 pm, 2nd Thursday of the month

Conference Room, Police Station

# Meredith Area Resources

## **Emergency & Health Information**

Community Action Program

279-4096

Emergency Management Director

279-8933

Lakes Region General Hospital

524-3211

Meredith Public Health Nursing

279-6611

Hanover Poison Information Center

1-800-562-8236

## **Legal Services**

Belknap County Registry of Deeds

527-5420

Belknap County Superior Court

524-3570

Laconia District Court

524-4128

New Hampshire Legal Assistance

1-800-634-8989

## **County & State Police**

Belknap County Sheriff's Department

524-3830

State Police (Concord)

1-800-852-3411

State Police (Tamworth)

323-8112

## **Permits to Kindle Fires**

Main Fire Station (Chuck Palm)

279-6061

Meredith Center Store (Barry Ladd)

279-4315

Y-Landing Marina (David Hamblet)

279-9916





# Municipal Directory

**EMERGENCY – All Calls**

**911**

**Police Department – Business**  
*347 Daniel Webster Highway*

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. daily**

**279-4561**  
**fax 279-6636**

**Fire Department – Business**  
*286 Daniel Webster Highway*

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-F**

**279-6061**  
**fax 279-6061**

**Water & Sewer Department**  
*50 Waukewan Street*

**7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. M-F**

**279-3046**  
**fax 279-5356**

**Public Works**  
*11 Jenness Hill Road*

**(includes Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, Highway)**

**7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F**

**279-6352**  
**fax 279-4656**

**Solid Waste Facility**  
*17 Jenness Hill Road*

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily**  
**closed Wednesdays and holidays**

**279-8480**

**Town Hall**  
*41 Main Street /5 Highland Street*

**(includes Town Manager, Town Clerk, Planning & Zoning, Assessing,  
 Tax Collector, Parks & Recreation, Administrative Services)**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-F**

**279-4538**  
**fax 279-1042**

**Meredith Public Library**  
*91 Main Street*

**10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tu,W**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Th**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. F**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sat**

**279-4303**  
**fax 279-5352**